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(54) **MICROORGANISMS AND METHODS FOR THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF ADIPATE, HEXAMETHYLENEDIAMINE AND 6-AMINOCAPROIC ACID**

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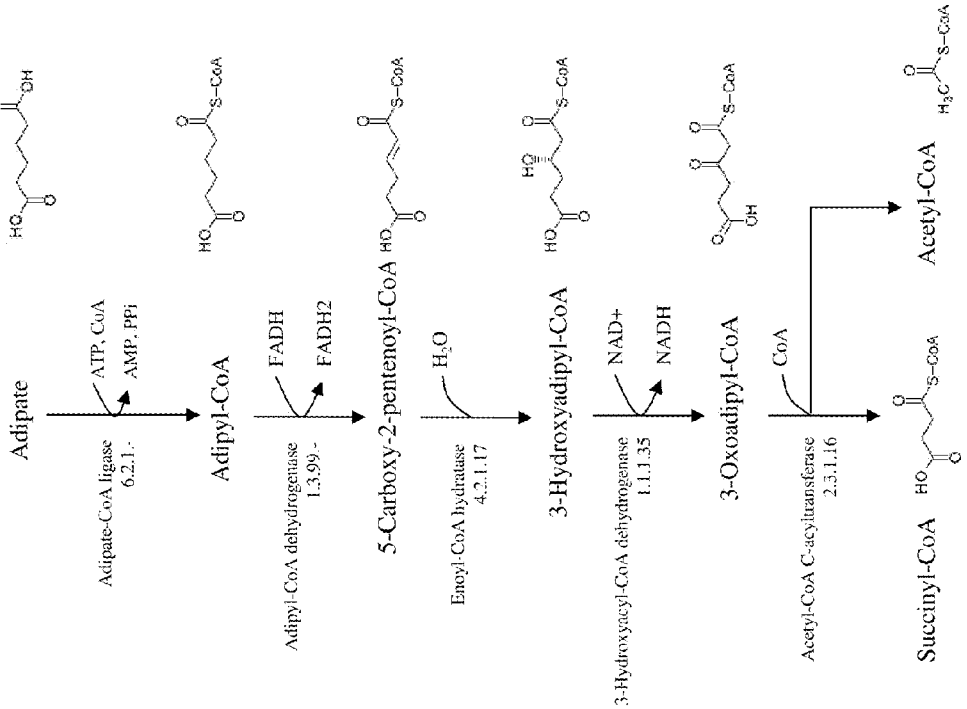
(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway. The microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an enzyme in the respective 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway. The invention additionally provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid. The method can include culturing a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam or hexametheylenediamine producing microbial organism, where the microbial organism expresses at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme in a sufficient amount to produce the respective product, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid.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AMP, PPi
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Adipyl-CoA
FADH
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Adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase
1.3.99.-
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA
H2O
Enoyl-CoA hydratase
4.2.1.17
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
NAD+
NADH
3-Hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase
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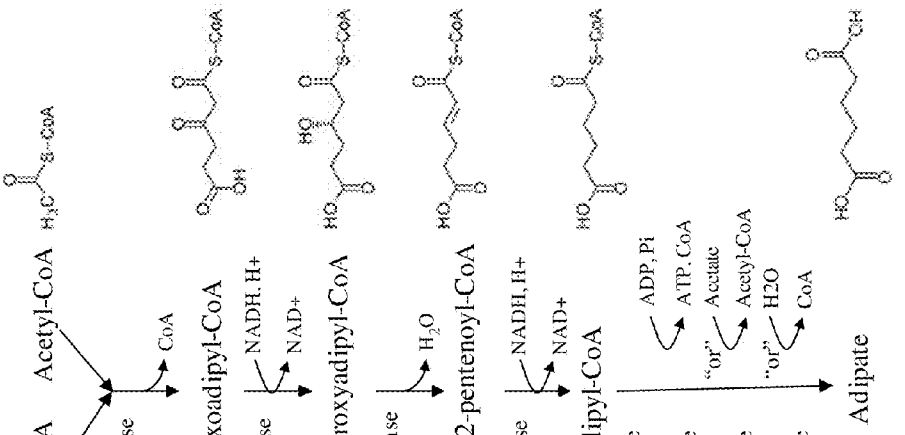
CoA
Acetyl-CoA C-acyltransferase
2.3.1.16
Acetyl-CoA
Succinyl-CoA

FIGURE 1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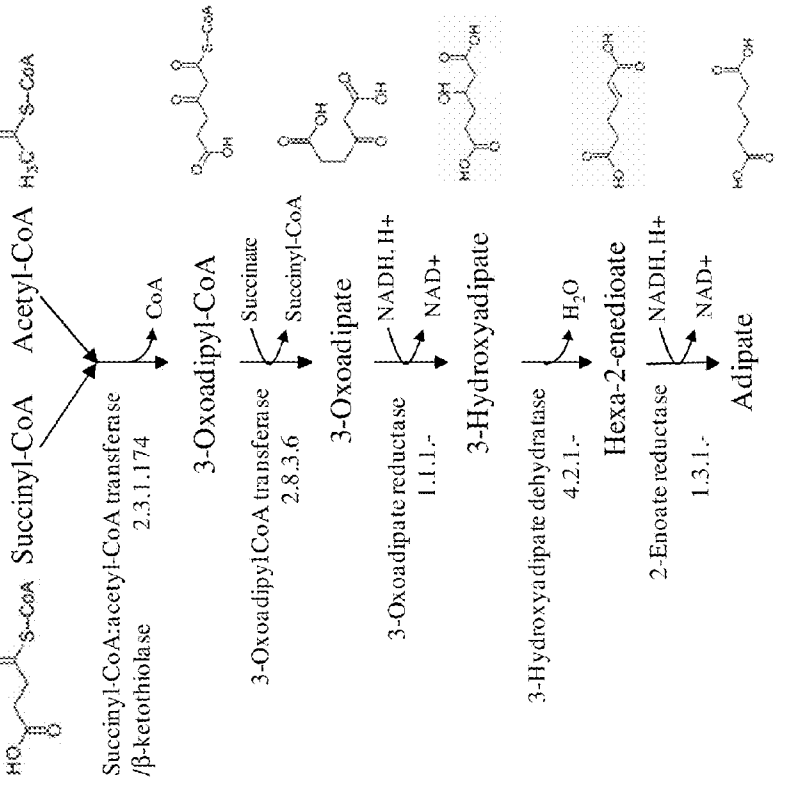
1.1.1.35
NADH, H+
NAD+
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase
4.2.1.17
H2O
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase
1.3.1.44
NADH, H+
NAD+
Adipyl-CoA
Adipyl-CoA synthetase
6.2.1.-
Phosphotransadipylase/Adipate kinase
2.3.1.-/2.7.2.-
Adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase
2.3.1.-
Adipyl-CoA hydrolase
3.1.2.-
ADP, Pi
ATP, CoA
"or"
Acetate
Acetyl-CoA
"or"
H2O
CoA
Adipate

FIGURE 2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Succinate
Succinyl-CoA
3-Oxoadipate
3-Oxoadipate reductase 1.1.1.-
NADH, H+
NAD+
3-Hydroxyadipate
3-Hydroxyadipate dehydratase 4.2.1.-
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Hexa-2-enedioate
2-Enoate reductase 1.3.1.-
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NAD+
Adipate

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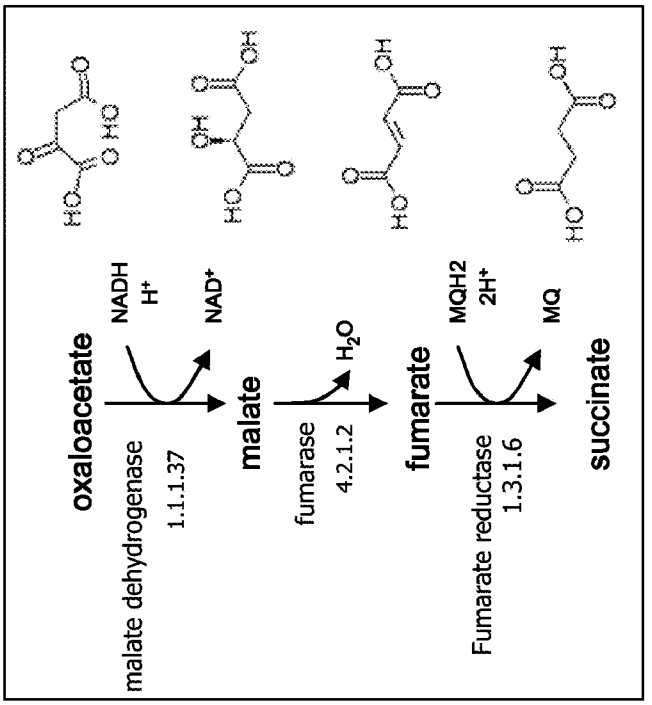
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H+
NAD+
malate dehydrogenase
1.1.1.37
malate
fumarase
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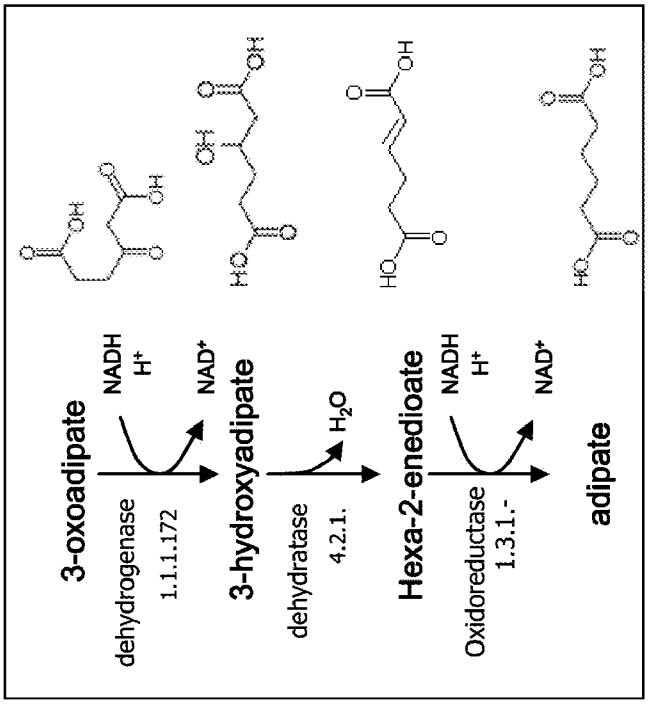
H2O
fumarate
MQH2
2H+
MQ
Fumarate reductase
1.3.1.6
succinate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H+
NAD+
dehydrogenase
1.1.1.172
3-hydroxyadipate
dehydratase
4.2.1.
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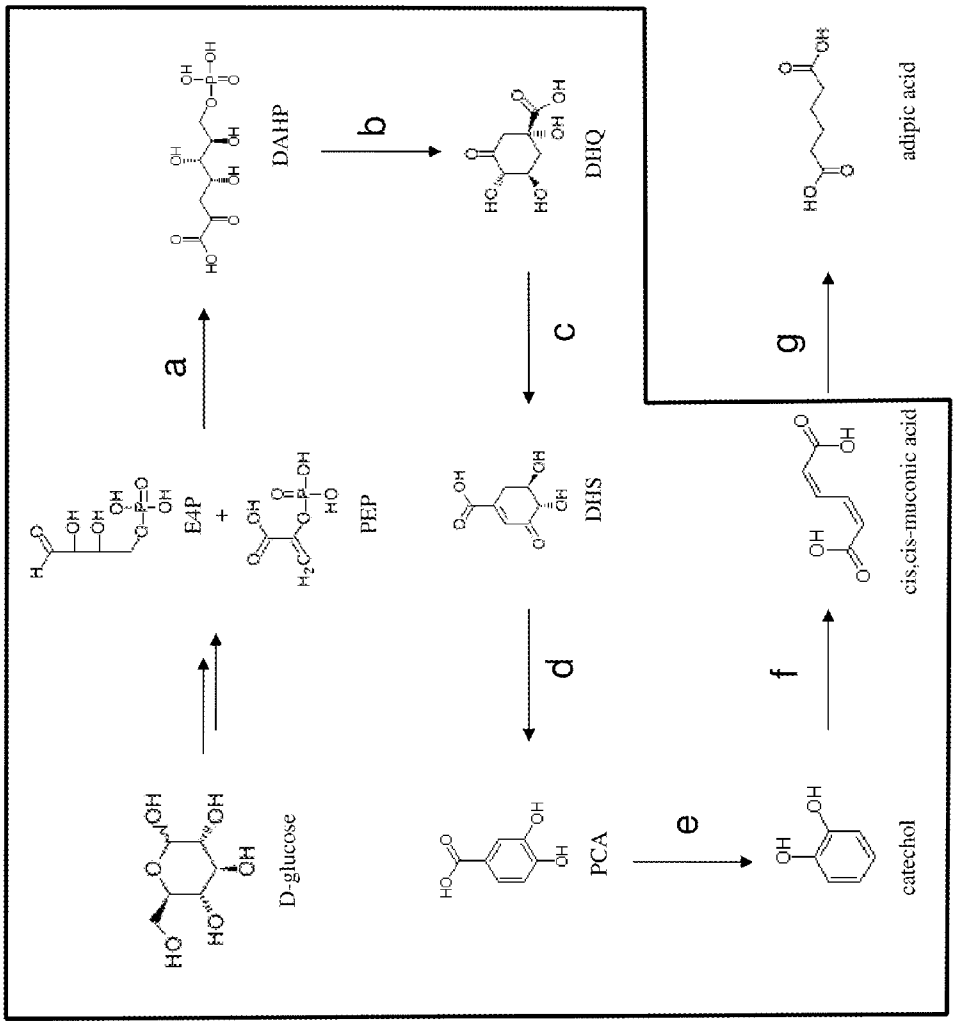
Hexa-2-enedioate
NADH
H+
NAD+
Oxidoreductase
1.3.1.-
adipate

FIGURE 4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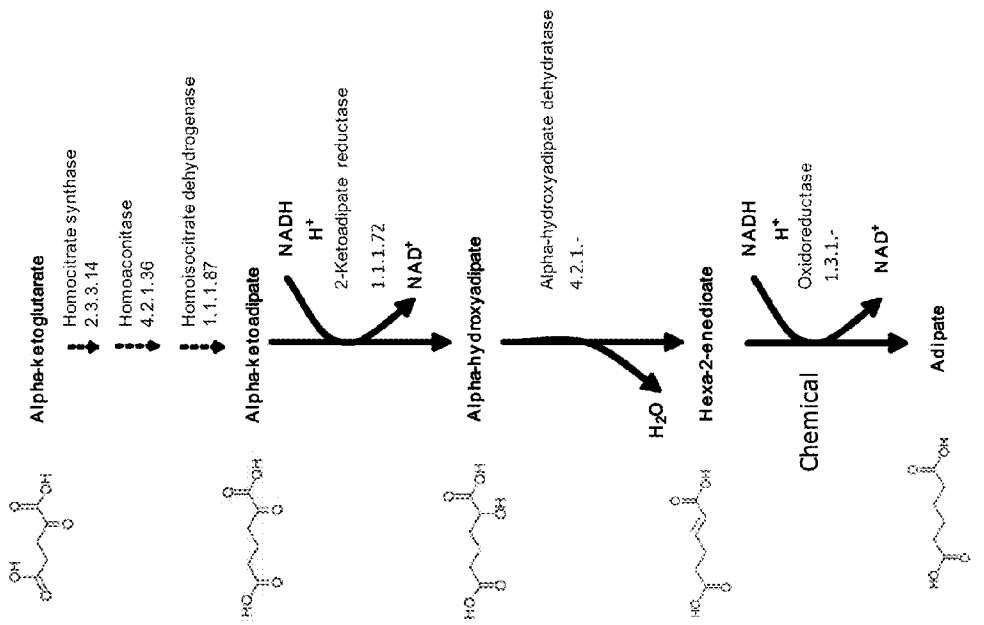
E4P
PEP
DAHP
DHQ
DHS
PCA
catechol
cis,cis-muconic acid
adipic acid
a
b
c
d
e
f
g

FIGURE 5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Homoaconitase
4.2.1.36
Homoisocitrate dehydrogenase
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NADH
H+
2-Ketoadipate reductase
1.1.1.72
NAD+
Alpha-hydroxyadipate
Alpha-hydroxyadipate dehydratase
4.2.1.-
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Hexa-2-enedioate
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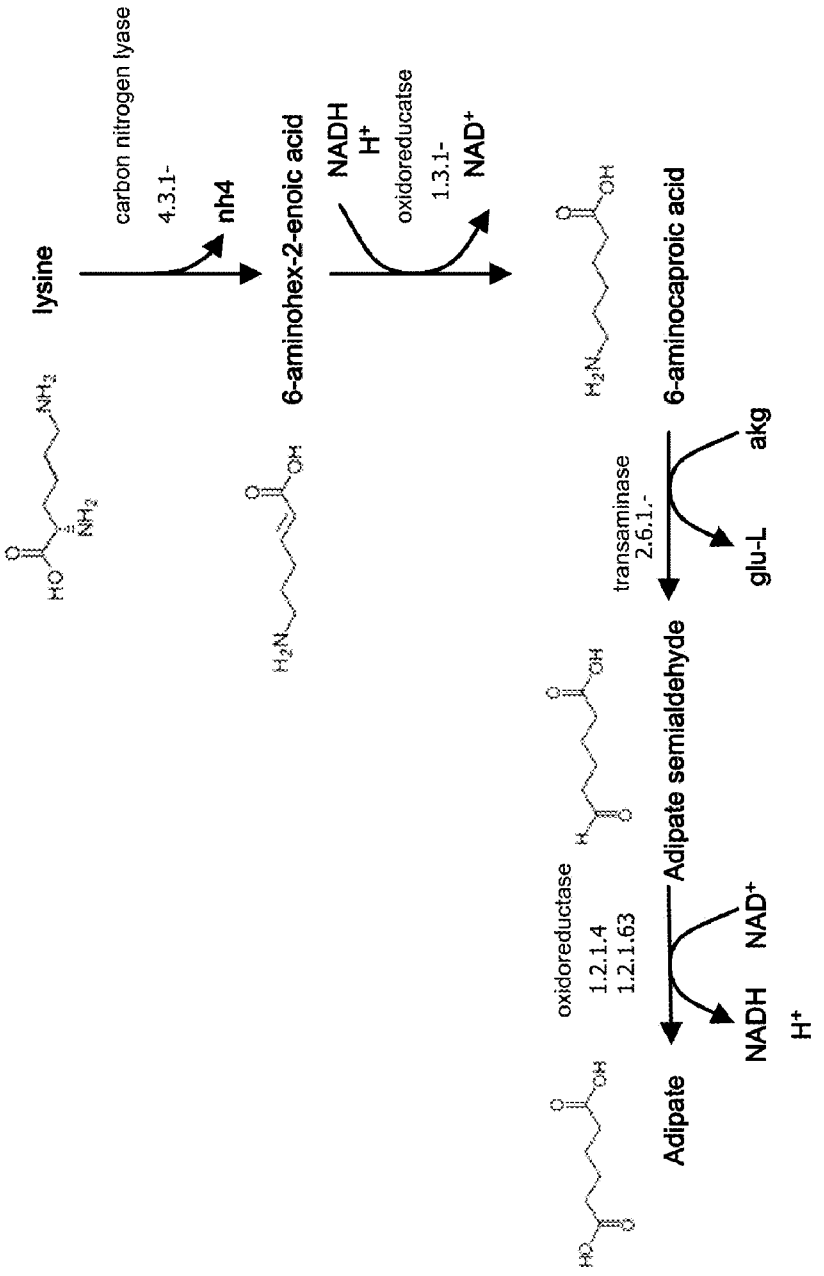
H+
Oxidoreductase
1.3.1.-
NAD+
Chemical
Adipate

FIGURE 6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carbon nitrogen lyase
4.3.1-
nh4
6-aminohex-2-enoic acid
NADH
H+
oxidoreducatse
1.3.1-
NAD+
6-aminocaproic acid
transaminase
2.6.1.-
akg
glu-L
Adipate semialdehyde
oxidoreductase
1.2.1.4
1.2.1.63
NAD+
NADH
H+
Adipate

FIGURE 7

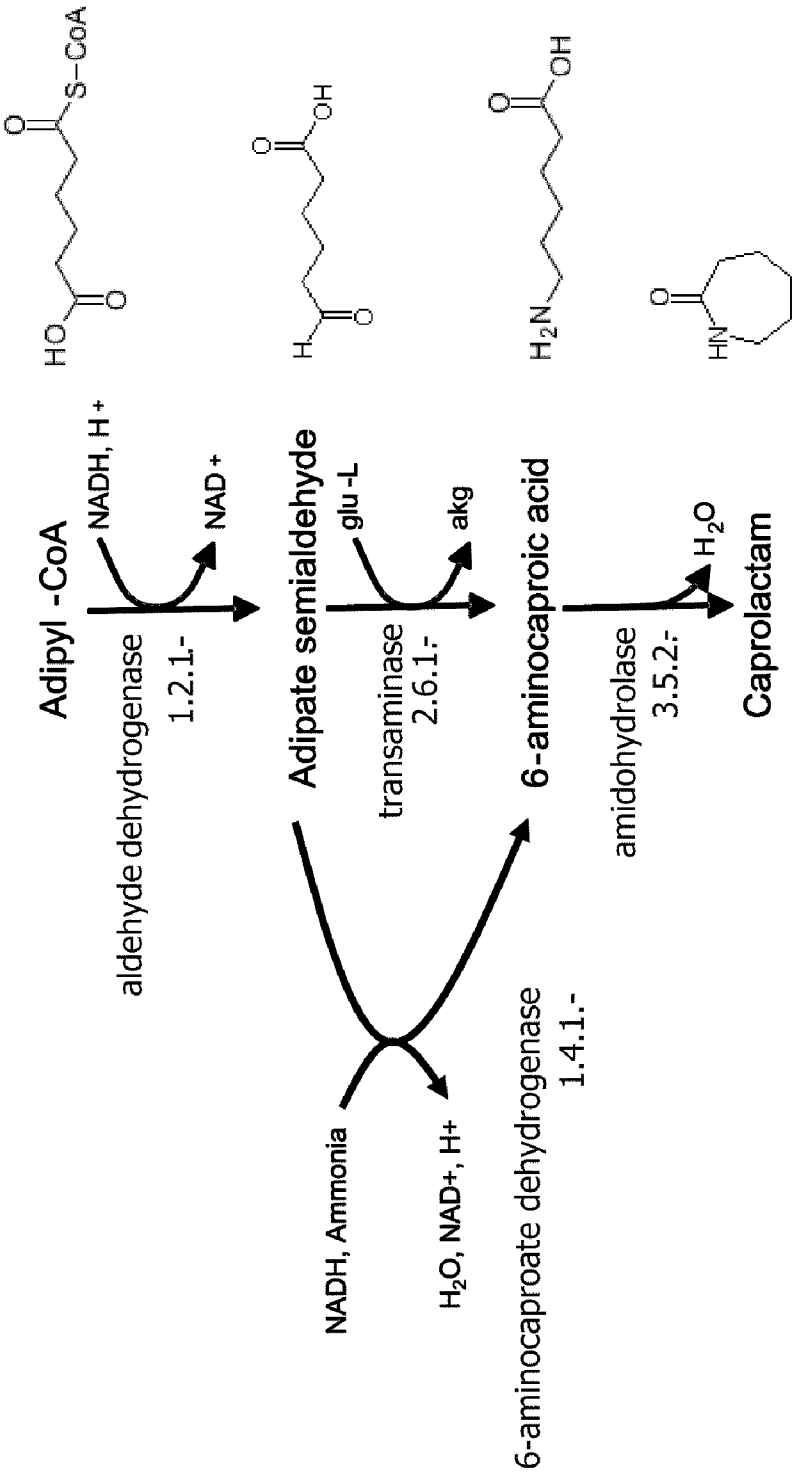
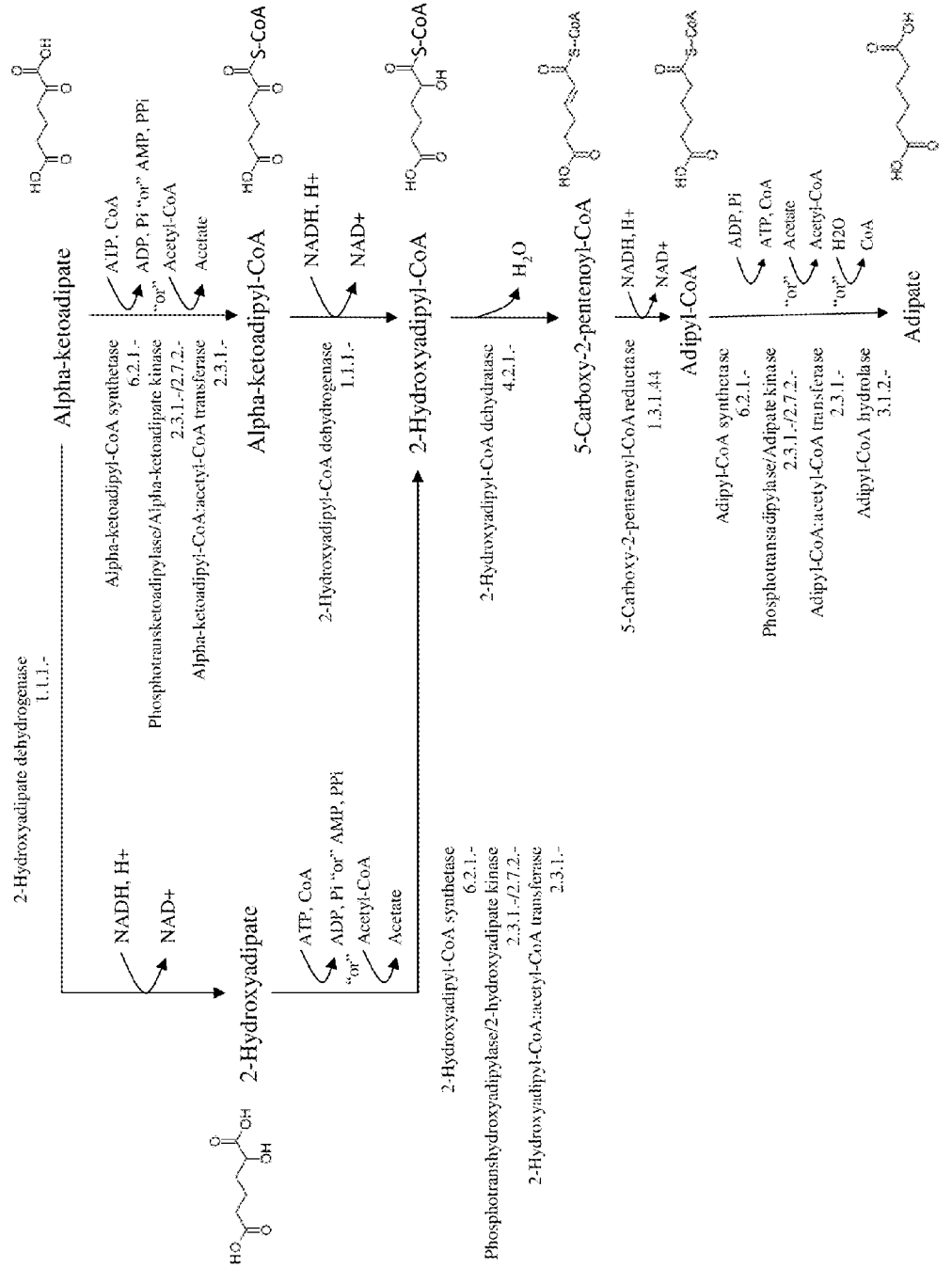

Adipyl -CoA
NADH, H +
NAD +
aldehyde dehydrogenase
1.2.1.-
Adipate semialdehyde
glu -L
akg
transaminase
2.6.1.-
6-aminocaproic acid
H2O
amidohydrolase
3.5.2.-
Caprolactam
NADH, Ammonia
H2O, NAD+, H+
6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase
1.4.1.-

FIGURE 8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1.1.1.-
Alpha-ketoadipate
NADH, H+
NAD+
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ATP, CoA
ADP, Pi "or" AMP, PPi
"or"
Acetyl-CoA
Acetate
2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA synthetase
6.2.1.-
Phosphotranshydroxyadipylase/2-hydroxyadipate kinase
2.3.1.-/2.7.2.-
2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase
2.3.1.-
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Phosphotransketoadipylase/Alpha-ketoadipate kinase
2.3.1.-/2.7.2.-
Alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase
2.3.1.-
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S-CoA
NADH, H+
NAD+
2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydrogenase
1.1.1.-
2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase
4.2.1.-
H_2O
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase
1.3.1.44
NADH, H+
NAD+
Adipyl-CoA
Adipyl-CoA synthetase
6.2.1.-
Phosphotransadipylase/Adipate kinase
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2.3.1.-
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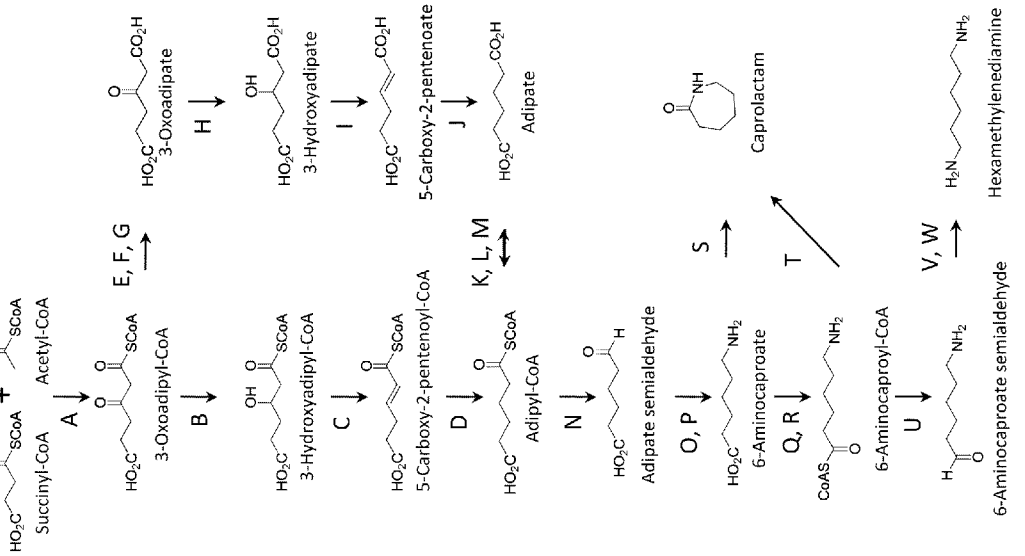
FIGURE 9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Acetyl-CoA
A
3-Oxoadipyl-CoA
B
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
C
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA
D
Adipyl-CoA
N
Adipate semialdehyde
O, P
6-Aminocaproate
Q, R
6-Aminocaproyl-CoA
U
6-Aminocaproate semialdehyde
E, F, G
3-Oxoadipate
H
3-Hydroxyadipate
I
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoate
J
Adipate
K, L, M
S
Caprolactam
T
V, W
Hexamethylenediamine

FIGURE 10

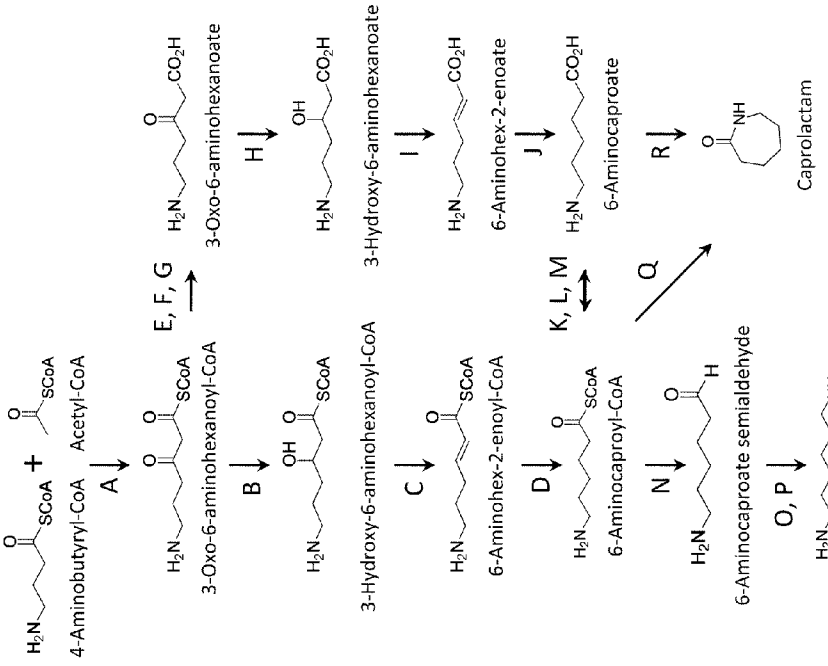

4-Aminobutyryl-CoA
Acetyl-CoA
A
3-Oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA
E, F, G
3-Oxo-6-aminohexanoate
B
H
3-Hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA
3-Hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate
C
I
6-Aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA
6-Aminohex-2-enoate
D
K, L, M
J
6-Aminocaproyl-CoA
6-Aminocaproate
N
Q
R
6-Aminocaproate semialdehyde
O, P
Caprolactam
Hexamethylenediamine

FIGURE 11

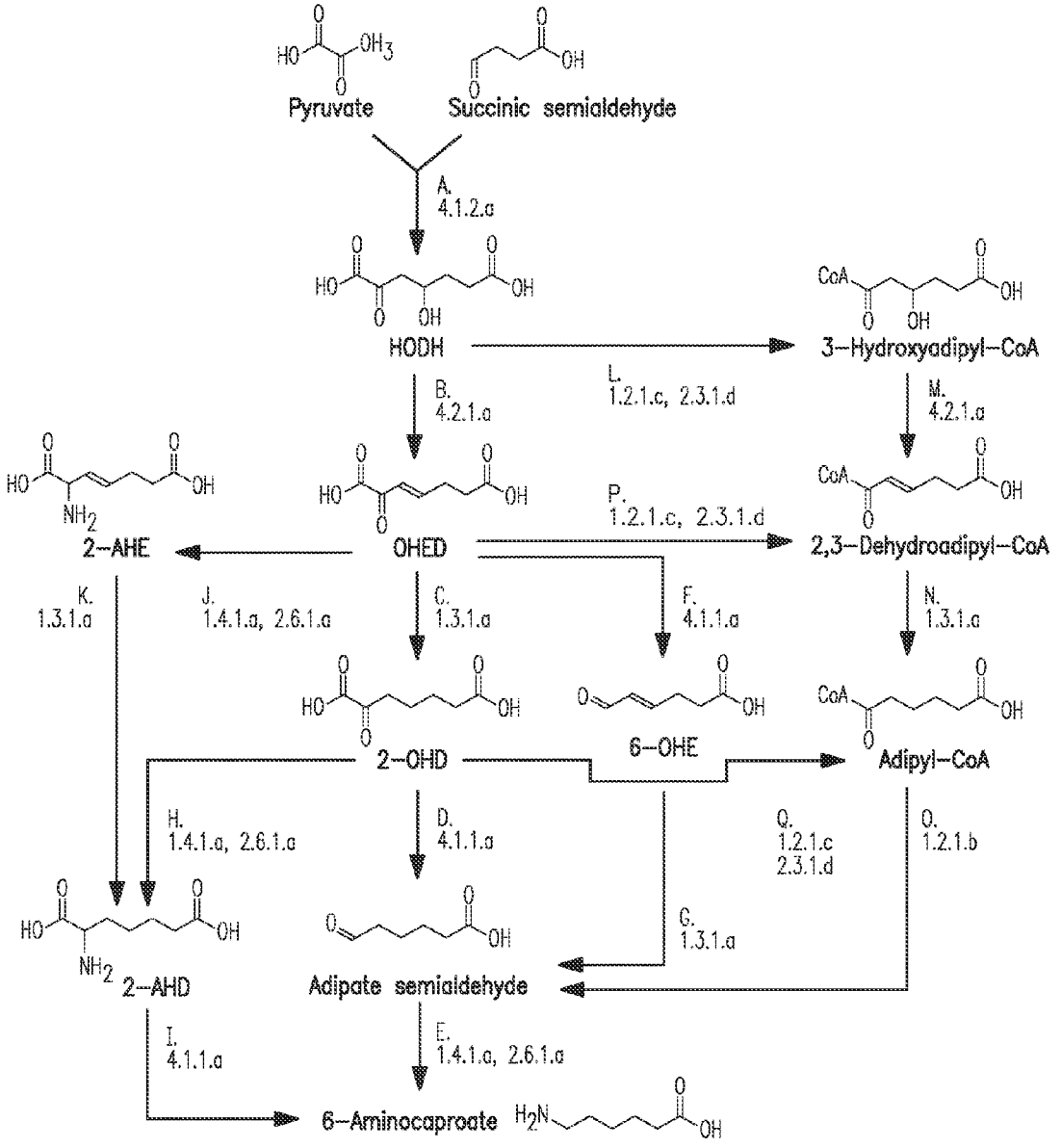
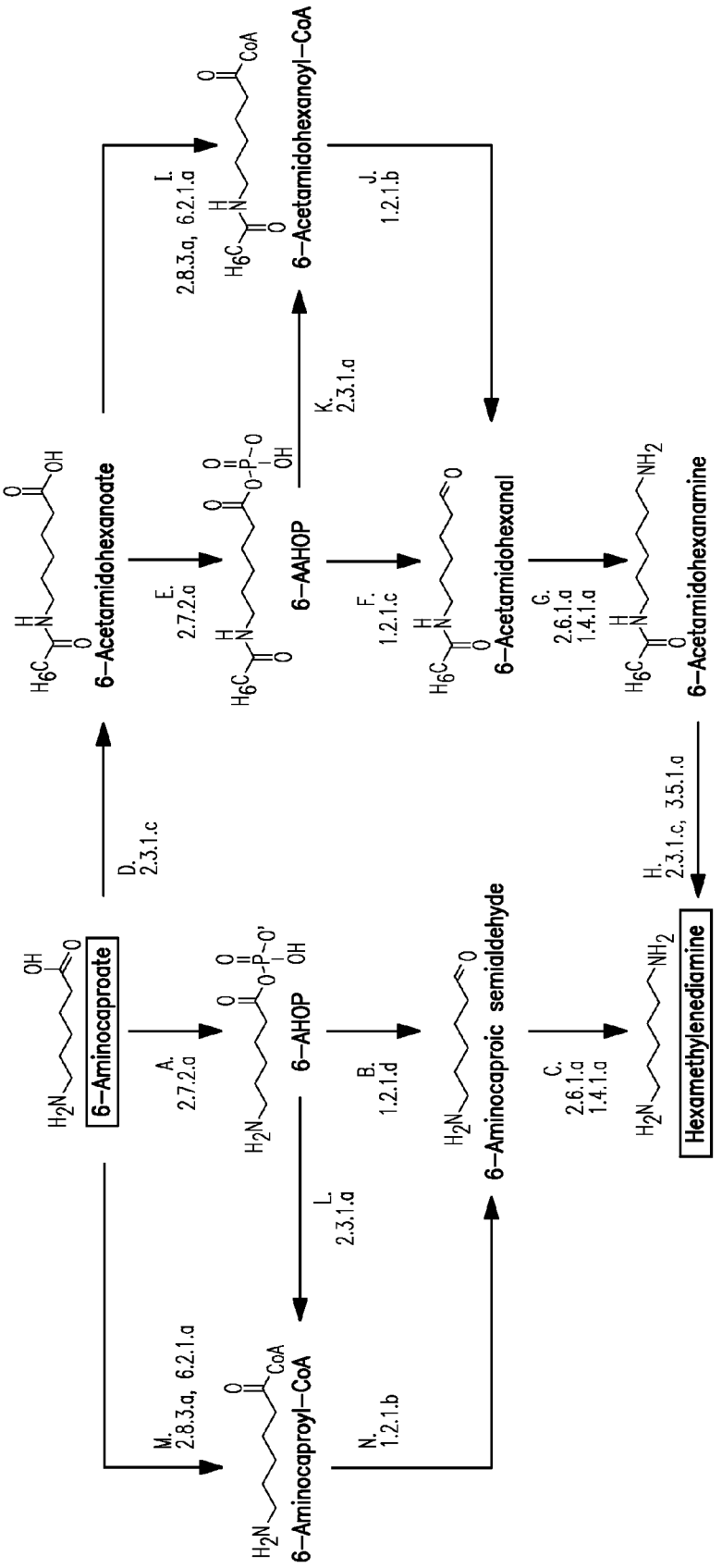

Pyruvate
Succinic semialdehyde
A.
4.1.2.a
HODH
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
L.
1.2.1.c, 2.3.1.d
B.
4.2.1.a
M.
4.2.1.a
2-AHE
OHED
P.
1.2.1.c, 2.3.1.d
2,3-Dehydroadipyl-CoA
K.
1.3.1.a
J.
1.4.1.a, 2.6.1.a
C.
1.3.1.a
F.
4.1.1.a
N.
1.3.1.a
2-OHD
6-OHE
Adipyl-CoA
H.
1.4.1.a, 2.6.1.a
D.
4.1.1.a
Q.
1.2.1.c
2.3.1.d
O.
1.2.1.b
G.
1.3.1.a
2-AHD
Adipate semialdehyde
I.
4.1.1.a
E.
1.4.1.a, 2.6.1.a
6-Aminocaproate

FIG. 12


6-Aminocaproate
6-Acetamidohexanoate
6-AHOP
6-AAHOP
6-Acetamidohexanal
6-Acetamidohexanamine
6-Aminocaproic semialdehyde
6-Aminocaproyl-CoA
6-Acetamidohexanoyl-CoA
Hexamethylenediamine
A. 2.7.2.a
B. 1.2.1.d
C. 2.6.1.a 1.4.1.a
D. 2.3.1.c
E. 2.7.2.a
F. 1.2.1.c
G. 2.6.1.a 1.4.1.a
H. 2.3.1.c, 3.5.1.a
I. 2.8.3.a, 6.2.1.a
J. 1.2.1.b
K. 2.3.1.a
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M. 2.8.3.a, 6.2.1.a
N. 1.2.1.b

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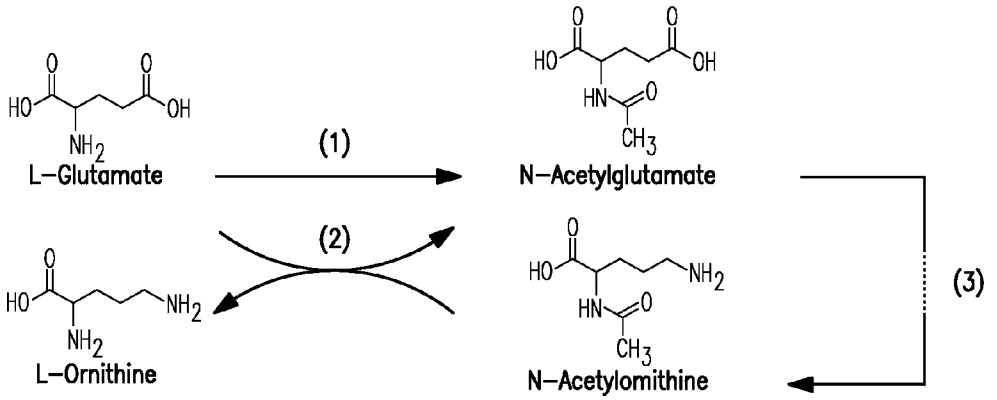

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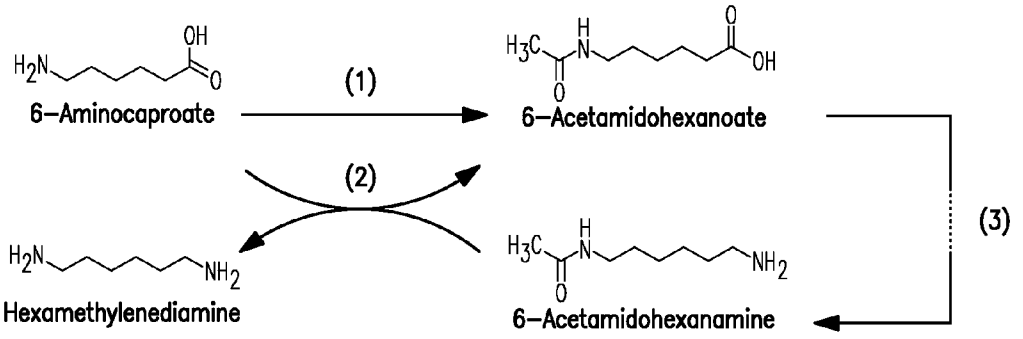

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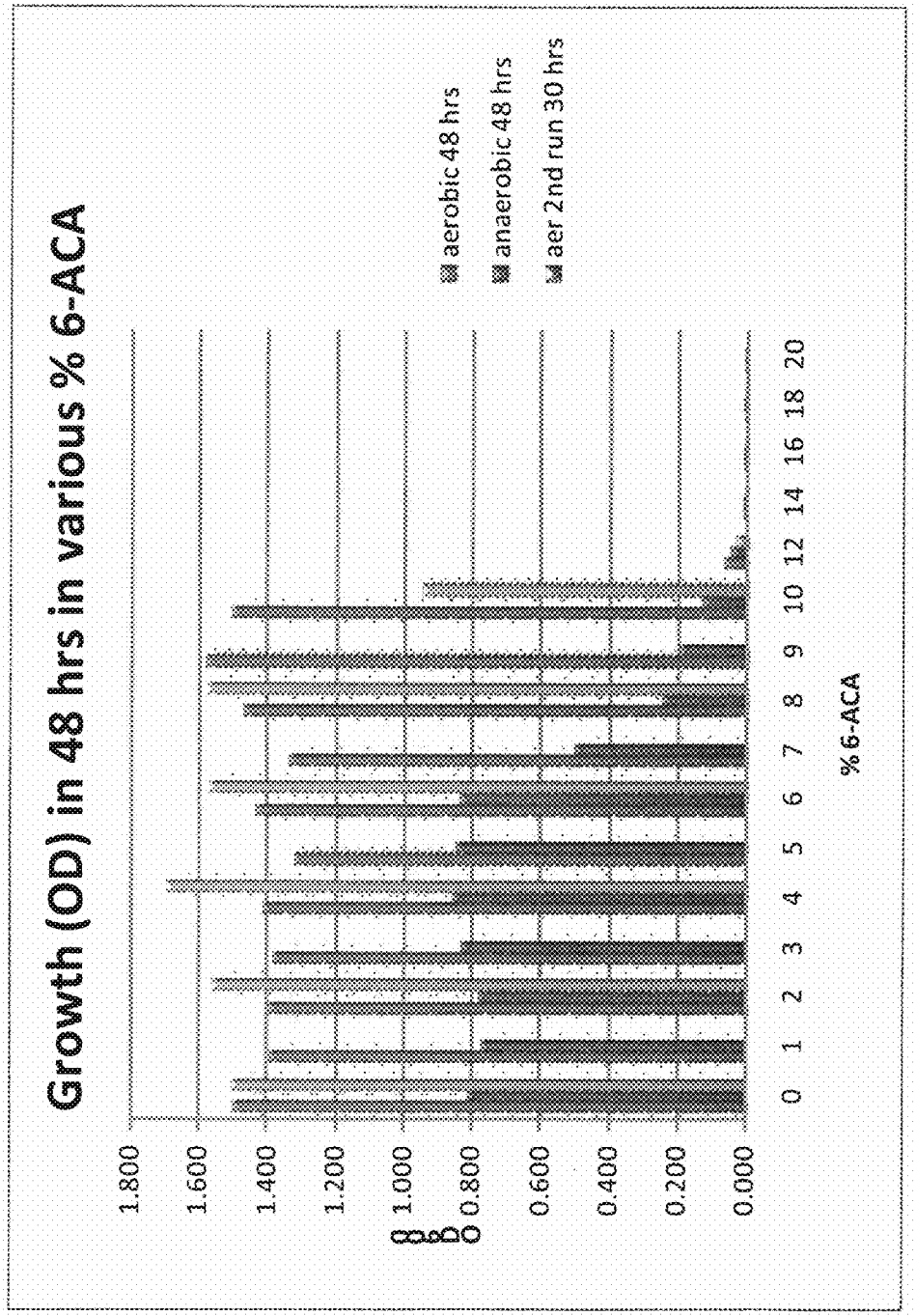
Growth (OD) in 48 hrs in various % 6-ACA
aerobic 48 hrs
anaerobic 48 hrs
aer 2nd run 30 hrs
OD
1.800
1.600
1.400
1.200
1.000
0.800
0.600
0.400
0.200
0.000
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 16 18 20
% 6-ACA

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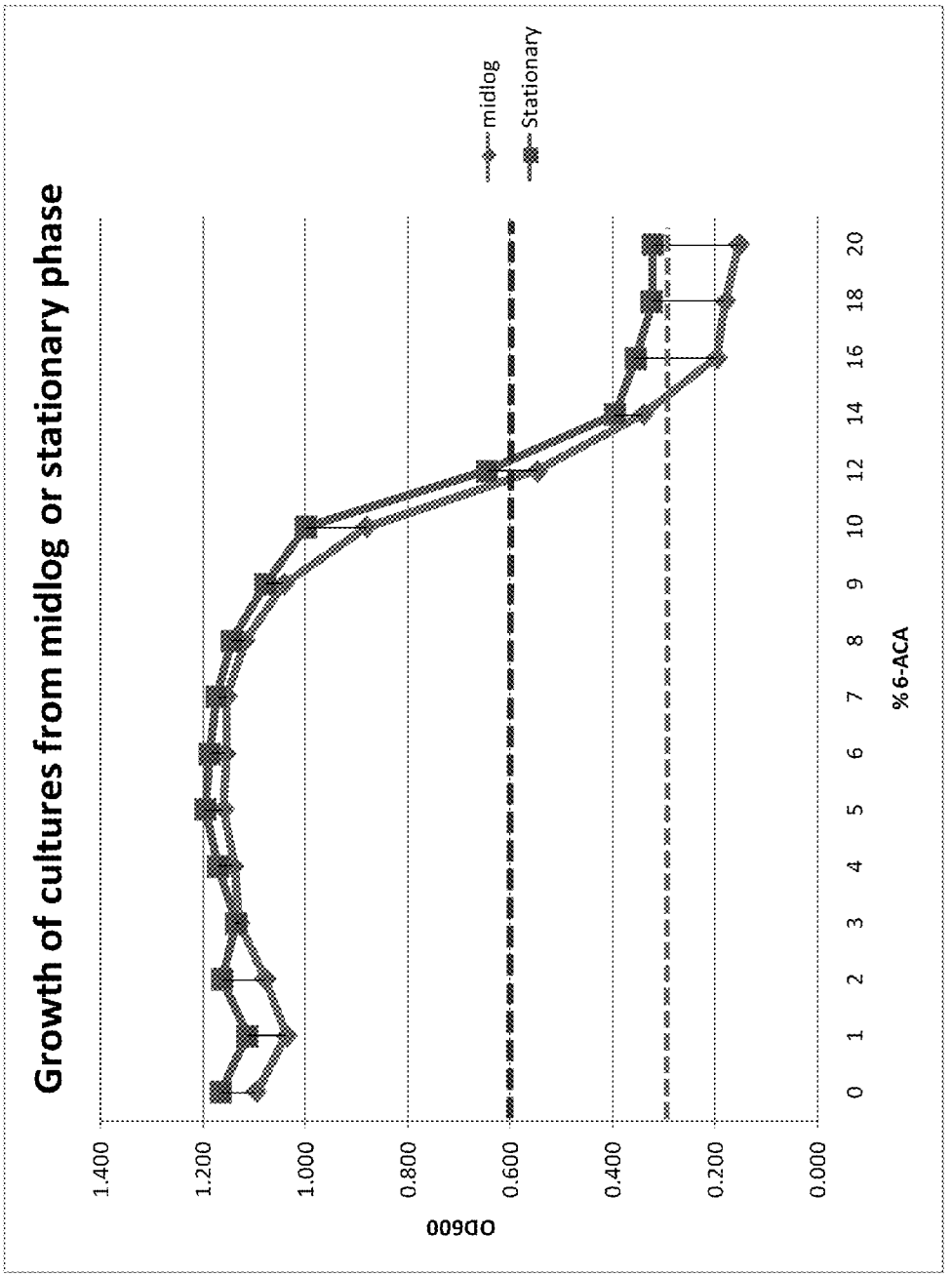
Growth of cultures from midlog or stationary phase
midlog
Stationary
OD600
1.400
1.200
1.000
0.800
0.600
0.400
0.200
0.000
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 16 18 20
% 6-ACA

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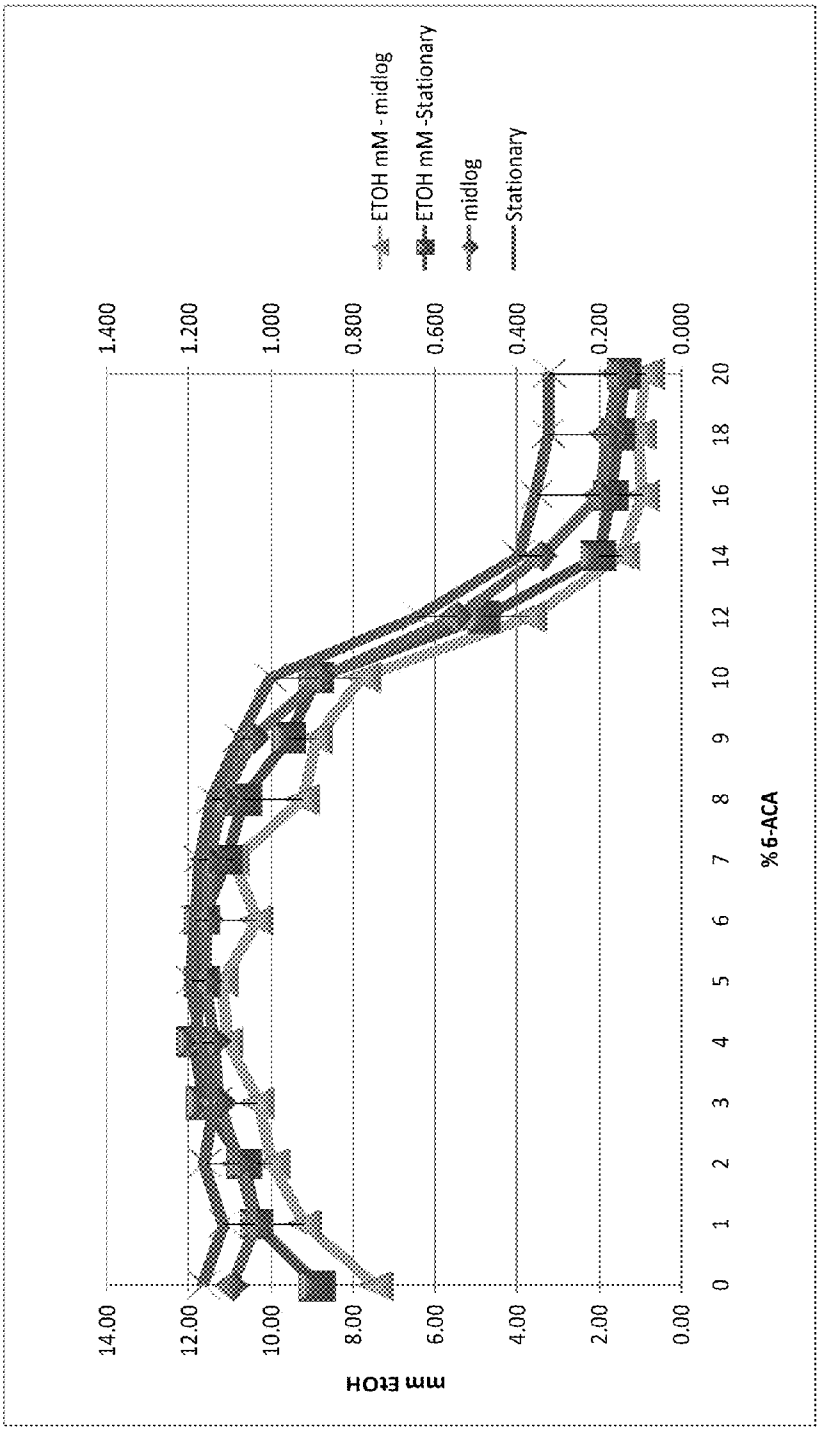
ETOH mM - midlog
ETOH mM -Stationary
midlog
Stationary
mm EtOH
% 6-ACA
14.00
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10.00
8.00
6.00
4.00
2.00
0.00
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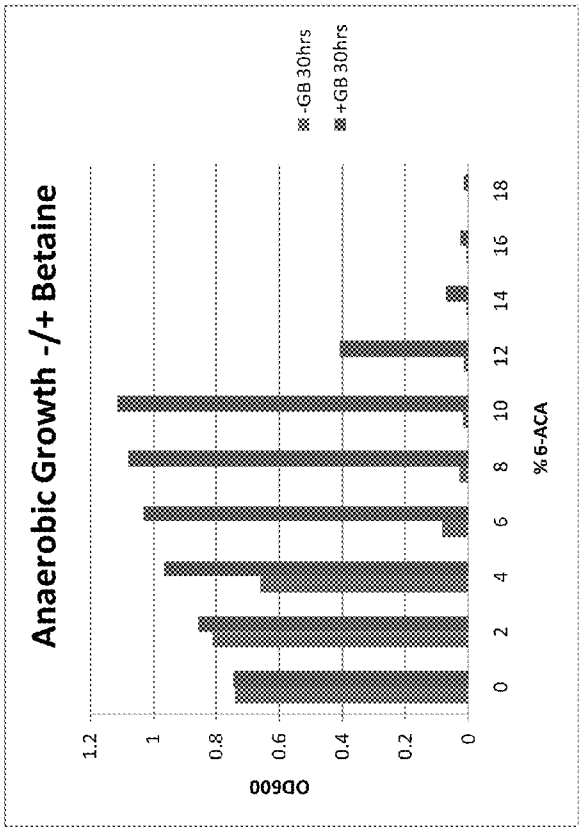
A
Anaerobic Growth -/+ Betaine
-GB 30hrs
+GB 30hrs
OD600
1.2
1
0.8
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2
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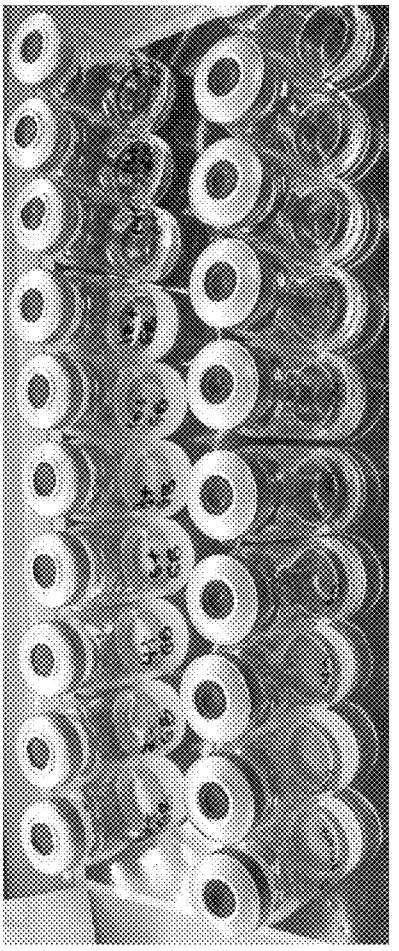
14
16
18
% 6-ACA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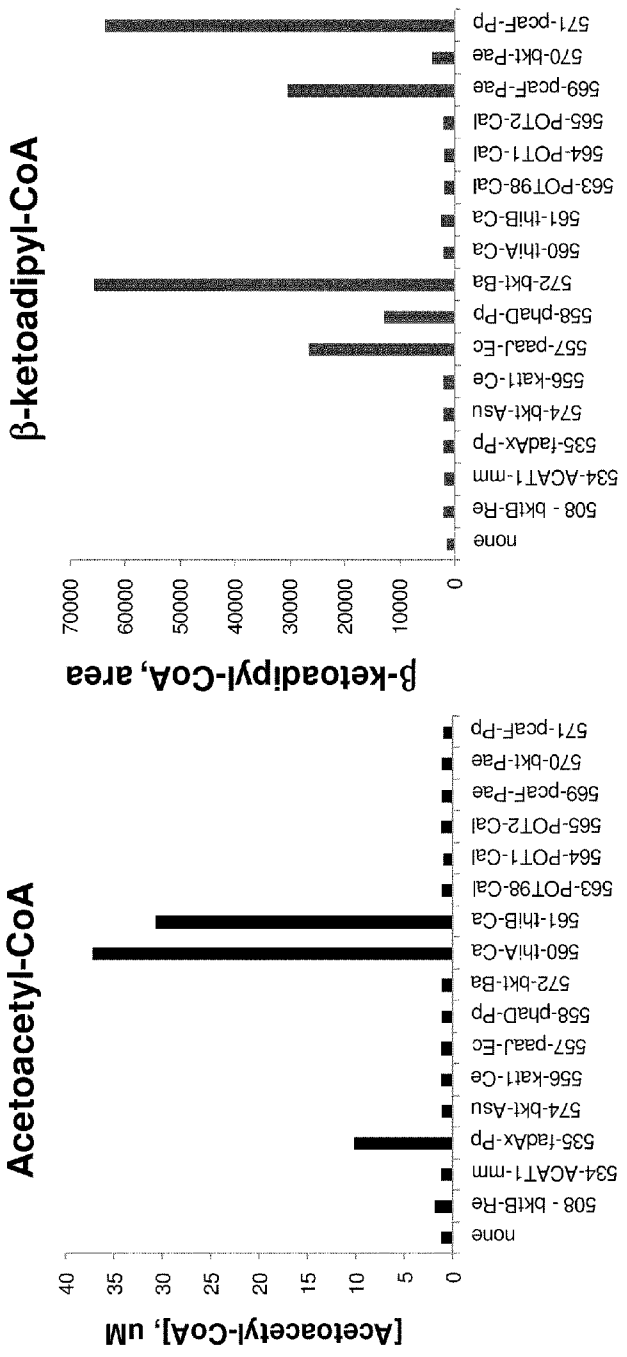
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β-ketoadipyl-CoA, area
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60000
50000
40000
30000
20000
10000
0
none
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535-fadAx-Pp
574-bkt-Asu
556-katt1-Ce
557-paaJ-Ec
558-phaD-Pp
572-bkt-Ba
560-thiA-Ca
561-thiB-Ca
563-POT98-Cal
564-POT1-Cal
565-POT2-Cal
569-pcaF-Pae
570-bkt-Pae
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[Acetoacetyl-CoA], uM
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30
25
20
15
10
5
0
none
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557-paaJ-Ec
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572-bkt-Ba
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561-thiB-Ca
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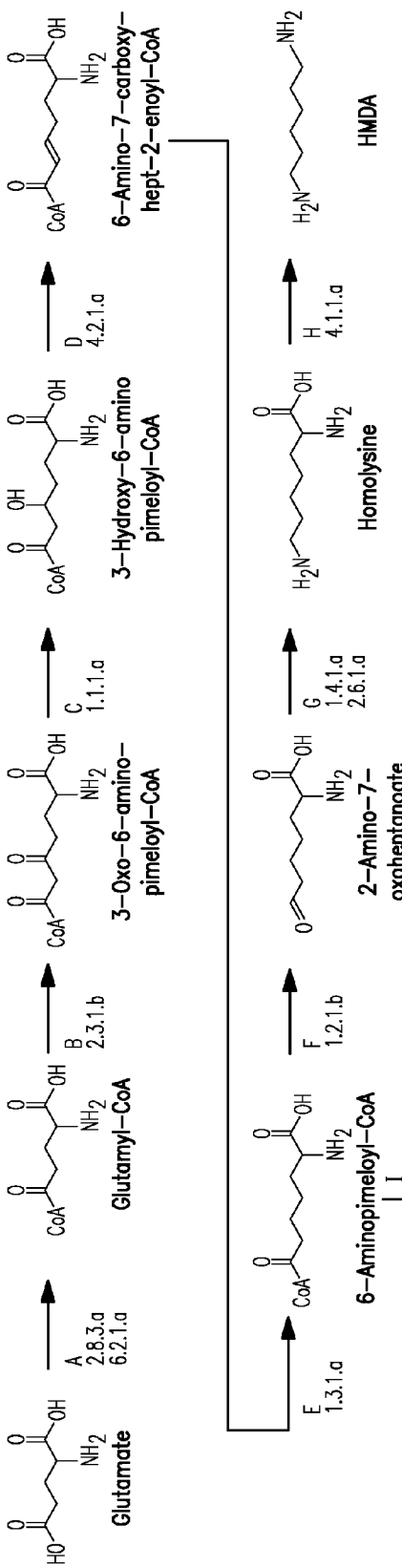
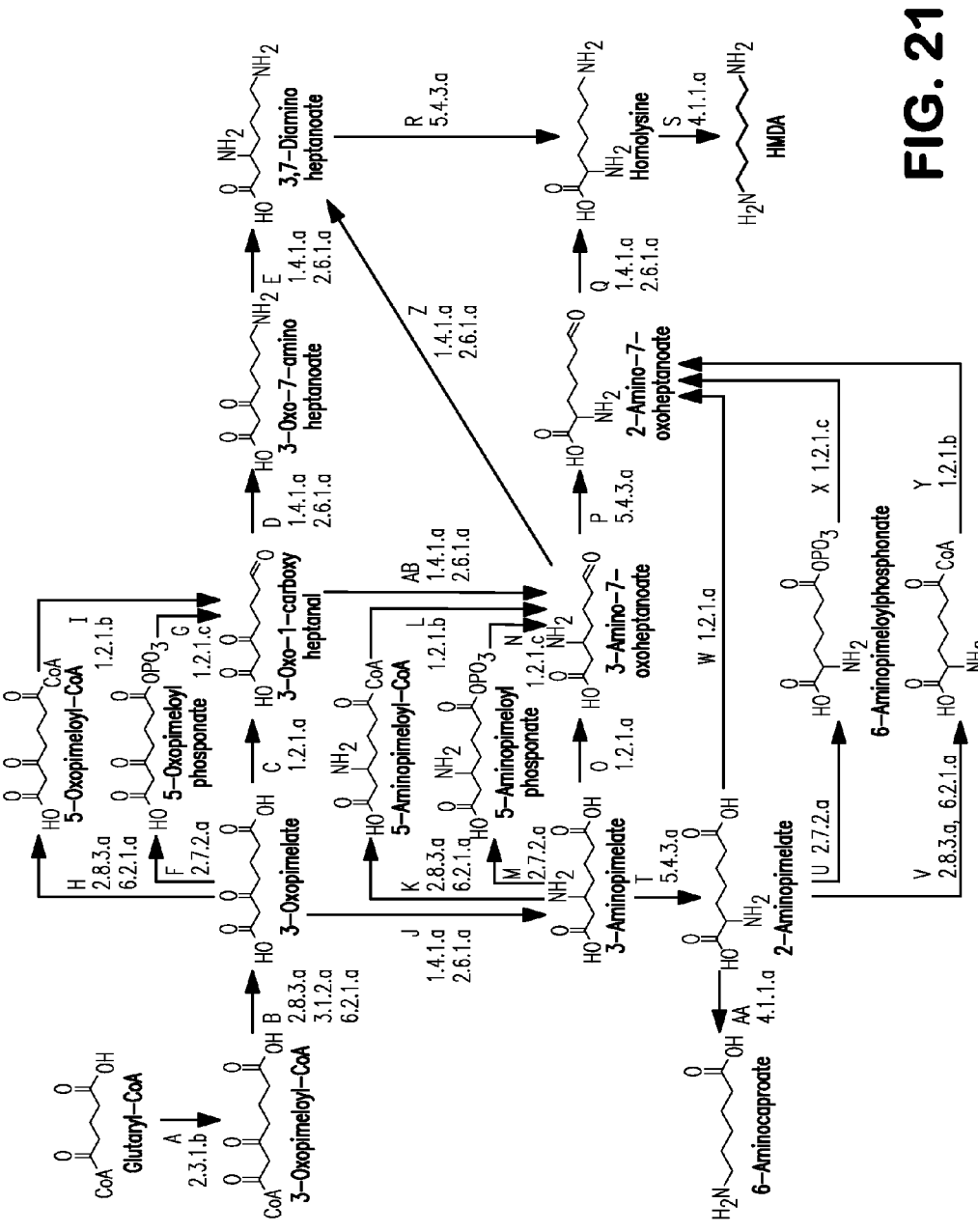

Glutamate
A
2.8.3.a
6.2.1.a
Glutamyl–CoA
B
2.3.1.b
3–Oxo–6–amino–
pimeloyl–CoA
C
1.1.1.a
3–Hydroxy–6–amino
pimeloyl–CoA
D
4.2.1.a
6–Amino–7–carboxy–
hept–2–enoyl–CoA
E
1.3.1.a
6–Aminopimeloyl–CoA
F
1.2.1.b
2–Amino–7–
oxoheptanoate
G
1.4.1.a
2.6.1.a
Homolysine
H
4.1.1.a
HMDA
I
2.8.3.a
3.1.2.a
6.2.1.a
2–Aminopimelate
J
4.1.1.a
6–Aminocaproate

FIG. 20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3-Oxopimeloyl-CoA
B 2.8.3.a 3.1.2.a 6.2.1.a
3-Oxopimelate
C 1.2.1.a
5-Oxopimeloyl-CoA
H 2.8.3.a 6.2.1.a
I 1.2.1.b
F 2.7.2.a
5-Oxopimeloyl phosponate
G 1.2.1.c
3-Oxo-1-carboxy heptanal
D 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
3-Oxo-7-amino heptanoate
E 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
3,7-Diamino heptanoate
R 5.4.3.a
Homolysine
S 4.1.1.a
HMDA
Z 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
J 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
5-Aminopimeloyl-CoA
K 2.8.3.a 6.2.1.a
L 1.2.1.b
5-Aminopimeloyl phosponate
M 2.7.2.a
N 1.2.1.c
AB 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
3-Amino-7-oxoheptanoate
O 1.2.1.a
P 5.4.3.a
2-Amino-7-oxoheptanoate
Q 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
W 1.2.1.a
3-Aminopimelate
T 5.4.3.a
2-Aminopimelate
U 2.7.2.a
X 1.2.1.c
6-Aminopimeloylphosphonate
V 2.8.3.a, 6.2.1.a
Y 1.2.1.b
6-Aminopimeloylphosphonate
6-Aminocaproate
AA 4.1.1.a

FIG. 21

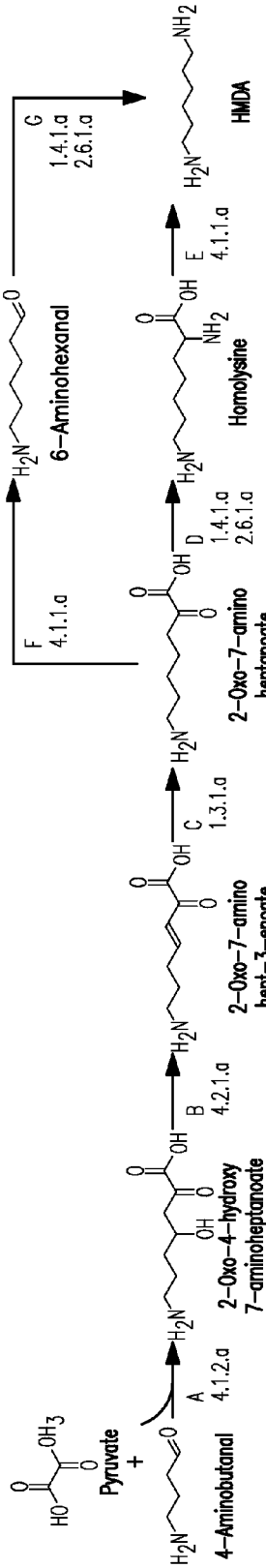
Pyruvate
+
4-Aminobutanal
A
4.1.2.a
2-Oxo-4-hydroxy
7-aminoheptanoate
B
4.2.1.a
2-Oxo-7-amino
hept-3-enoate
C
1.3.1.a
2-Oxo-7-amino
heptanoate
D
1.4.1.a
2.6.1.a
Homolysine
E
4.1.1.a
HMDA
F
4.1.1.a
6-Aminohexanal
G
1.4.1.a
2.6.1.a

FIG. 22

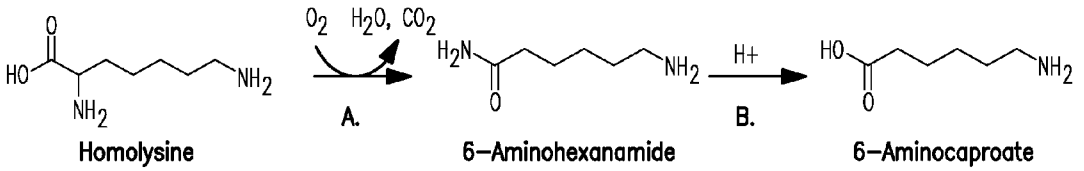
O
HO
NH2
NH2
Homolysine
O2
H2O, CO2
A.
H2N
NH2
O
6–Aminohexanamide
H+
B.
HO
NH2
O
6–Aminocaproate

FIG. 23

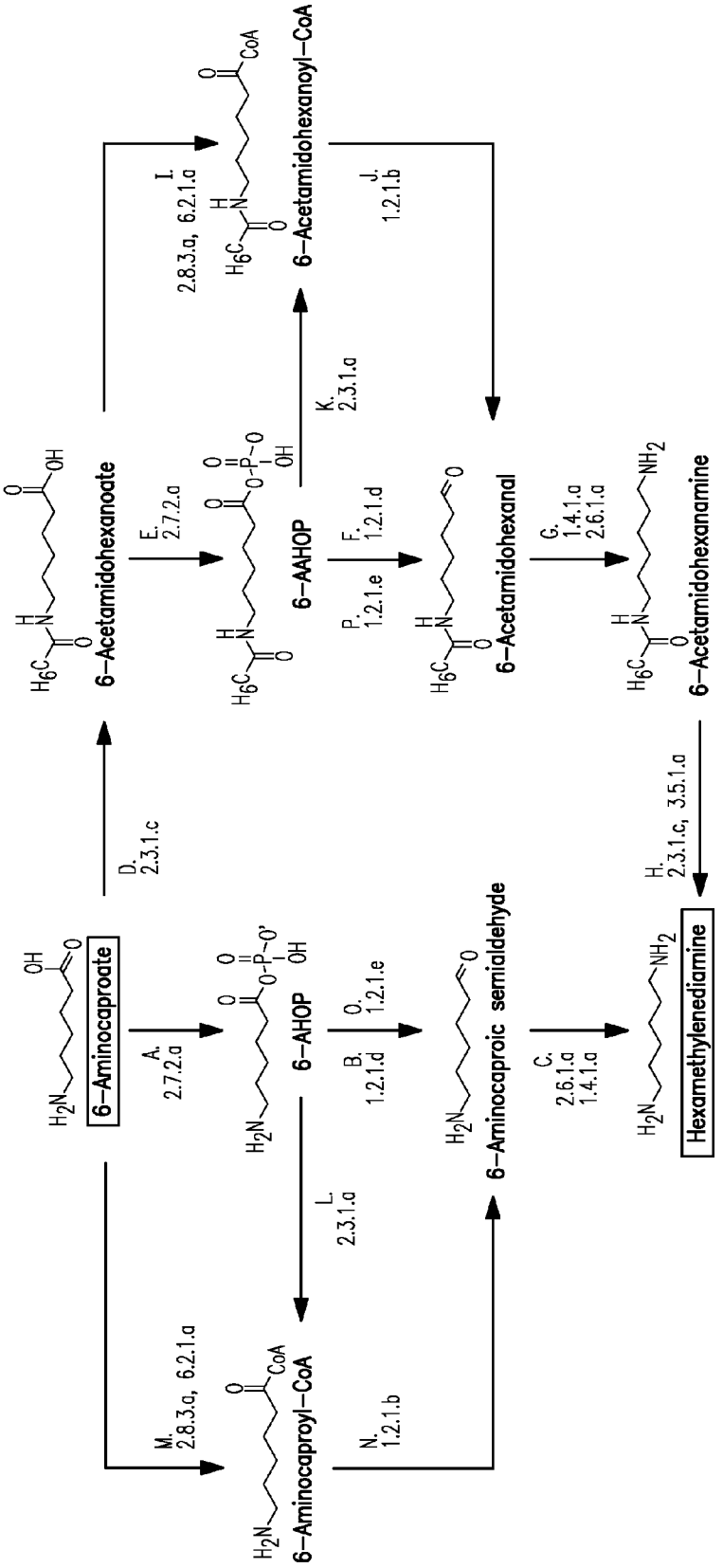
6-Aminocaproate
6-Acetamidohexanoate
6-AHOP
6-AAHOP
6-Acetamidohexanal
6-Aminocaproic semialdehyde
6-Aminocaproyl-CoA
6-Acetamidohexanoyl-CoA
Hexamethylenediamine
6-Acetamidohexanamine
A. 2.7.2.a
B. 1.2.1.d
C. 2.6.1.a 1.4.1.a
D. 2.3.1.c
E. 2.7.2.a
F. 1.2.1.d
G. 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
H. 2.3.1.c, 3.5.1.a
I. 2.8.3.a, 6.2.1.a
J. 1.2.1.b
K. 2.3.1.a
L. 2.3.1.a
M. 2.8.3.a, 6.2.1.a
N. 1.2.1.b
O. 1.2.1.e
P. 1.2.1.e

FIG. 24

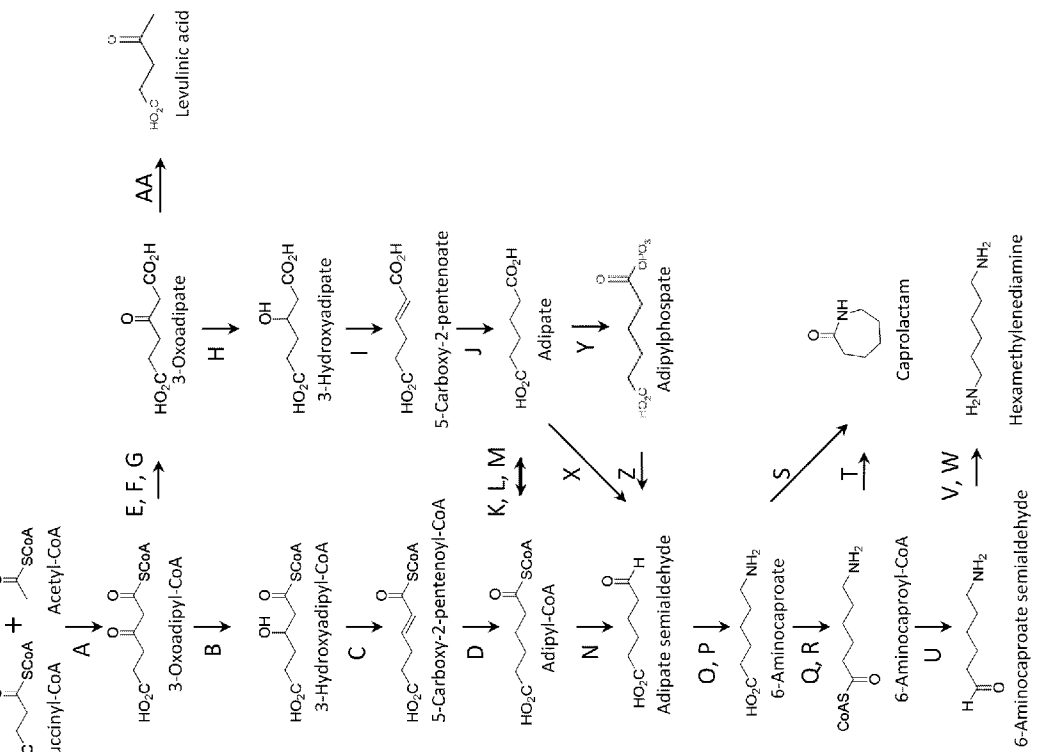
Succinyl-CoA
Acetyl-CoA
A
3-Oxoadipyl-CoA
B
3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA
C
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA
D
Adipyl-CoA
N
Adipate semialdehyde
O, P
6-Aminocaproate
Q, R
6-Aminocaproyl-CoA
U
6-Aminocaproate semialdehyde
V, W
Hexamethylenediamine
E, F, G
3-Oxoadipate
H
3-Hydroxyadipate
I
5-Carboxy-2-pentenoate
J
Adipate
K, L, M
X
Y
Adipylphospate
Z
S
T
Caprolactam
AA
Levulinic acid

FIGURE 25

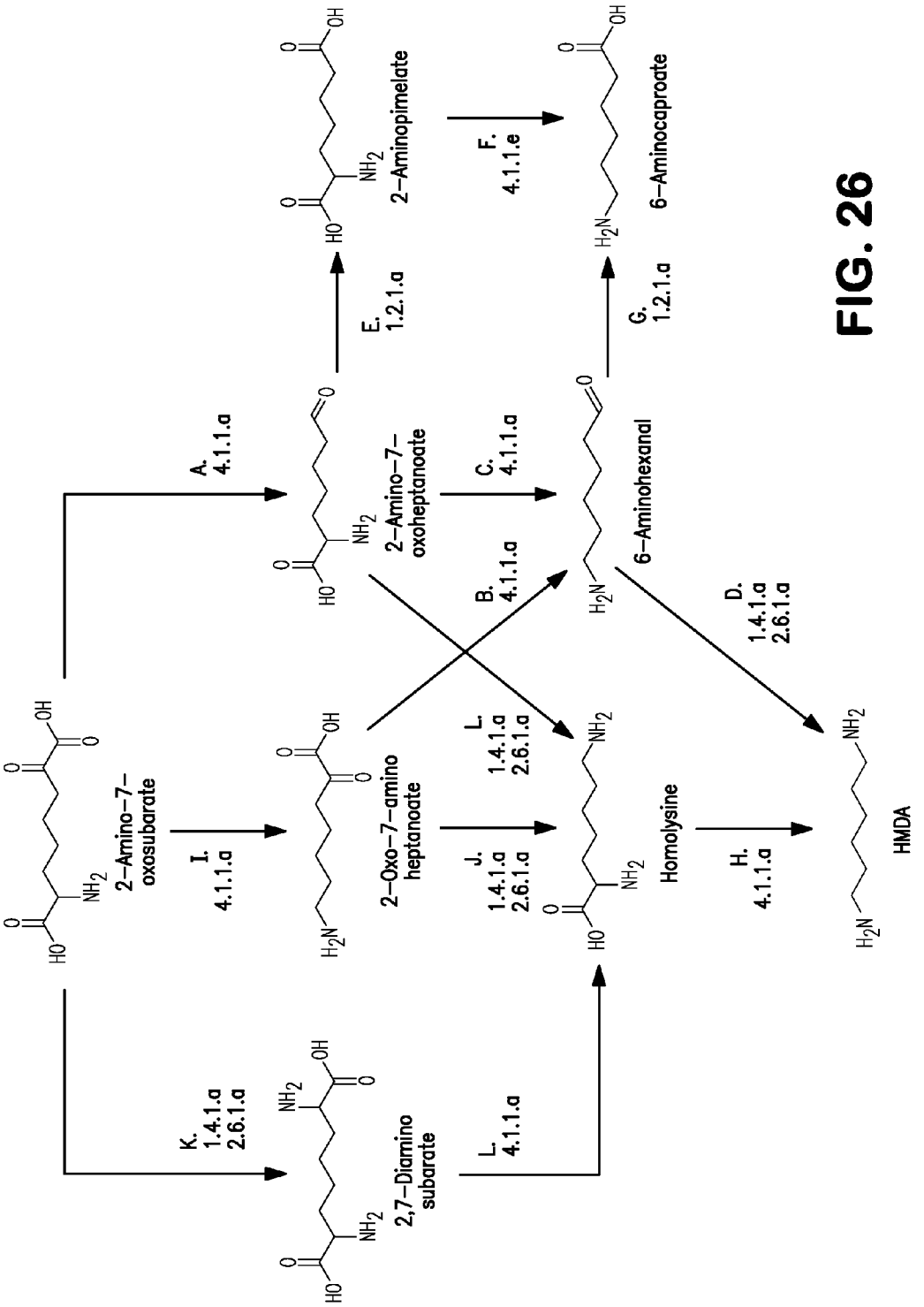
2-Amino-7-oxosubarate
I. 4.1.1.a
2-Oxo-7-amino heptanoate
J. 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
Homolysine
H. 4.1.1.a
HMDA
K. 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
2,7-Diamino subarate
L. 4.1.1.a
L. 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a
A. 4.1.1.a
2-Amino-7-oxoheptanoate
E. 1.2.1.a
2-Aminopimelate
F. 4.1.1.e
6-Aminocaproate
B. 4.1.1.a
C. 4.1.1.a
6-Aminohexanal
G. 1.2.1.a
D. 1.4.1.a 2.6.1.a

FIG. 26

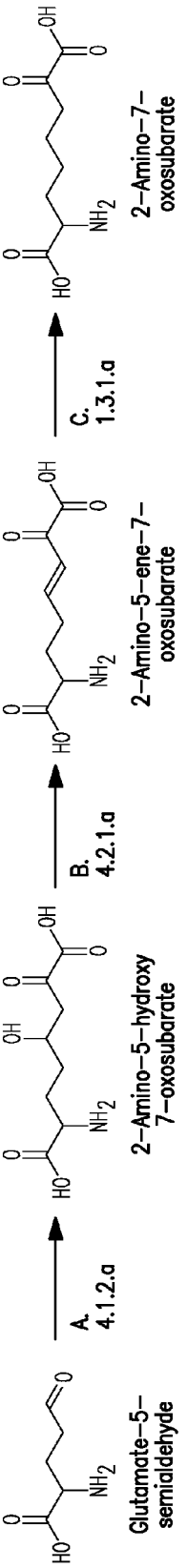
Glutamate–5–semialdehyde
A.
4.1.2.a
2–Amino–5–hydroxy 7–oxosubarate
B.
4.2.1.a
2–Amino–5–ene–7–oxosubarate
C.
1.3.1.a
2–Amino–7–oxosubarate

FIG. 27

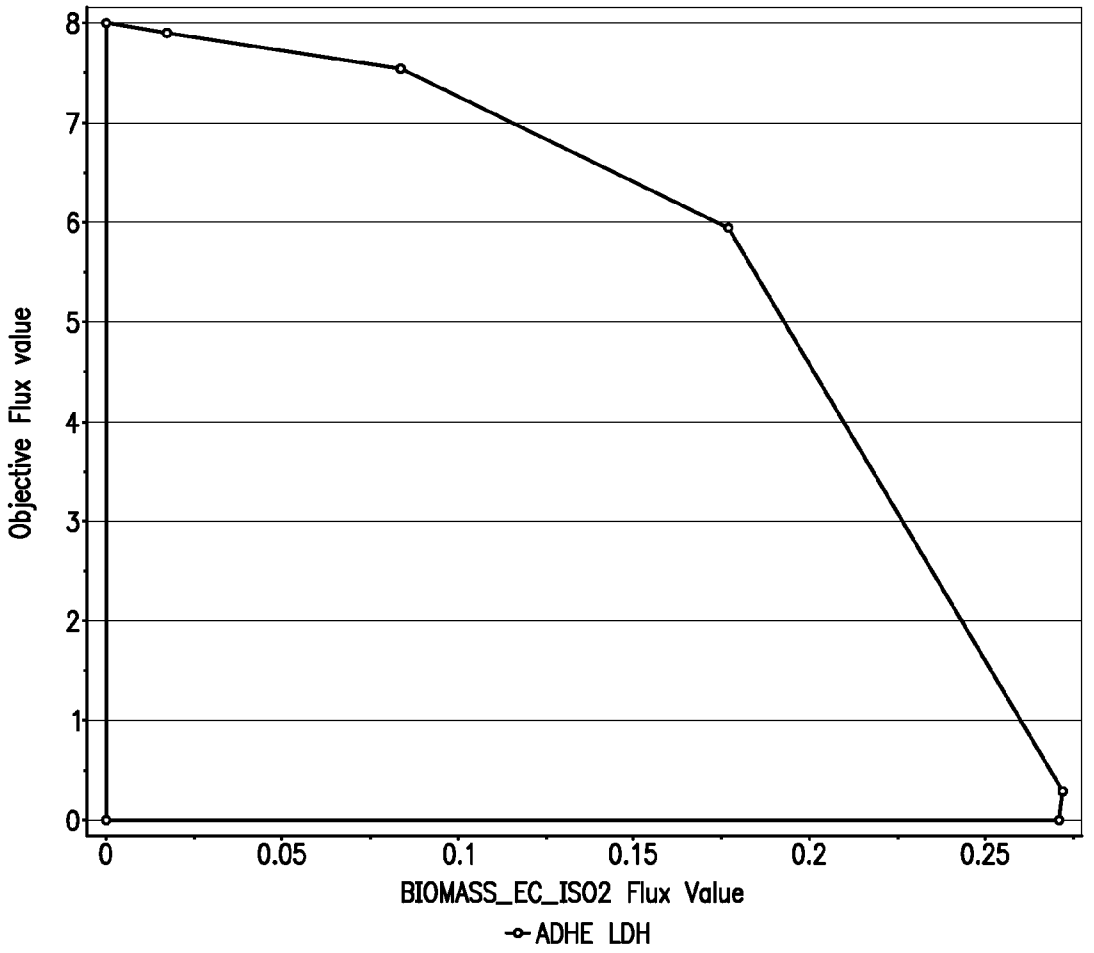
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
Objective Flux value
0
0.05
0.1
0.15
0.2
0.25
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
ADHE LDH

FIG. 28

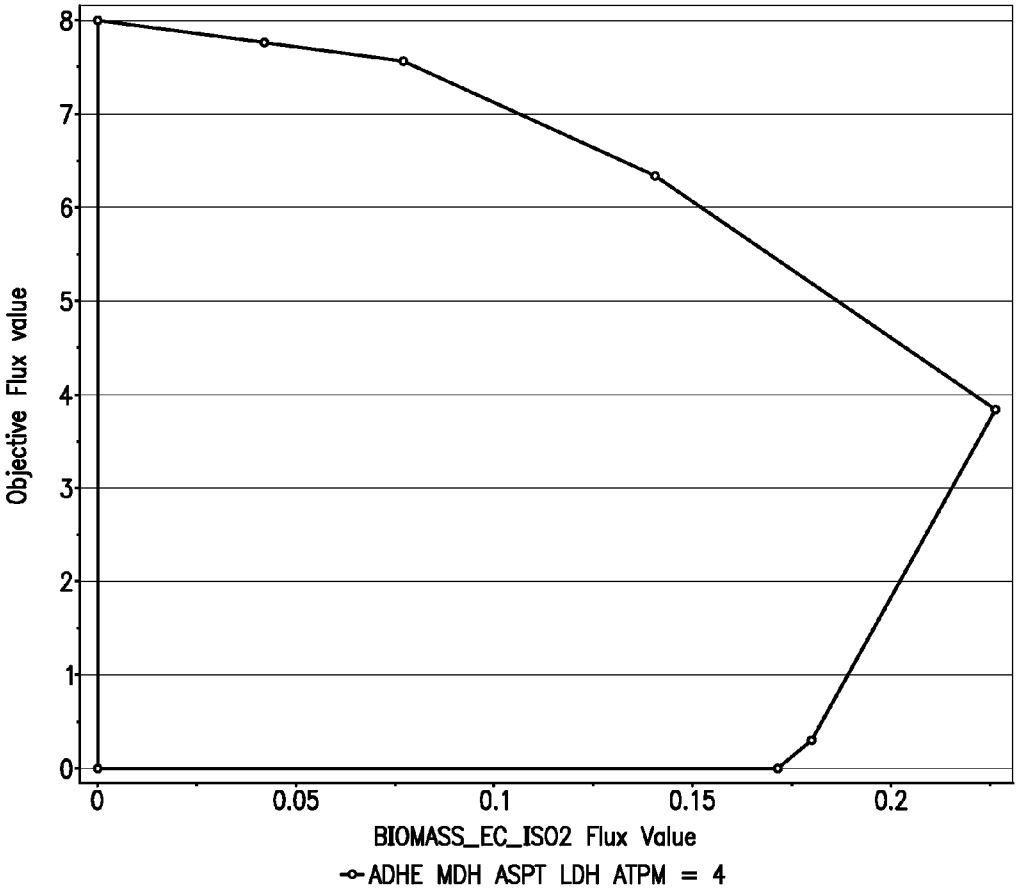
Objective Flux value
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0
0.05
0.1
0.15
0.2
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
ADHE MDH ASPT LDH ATPM = 4

FIG. 29

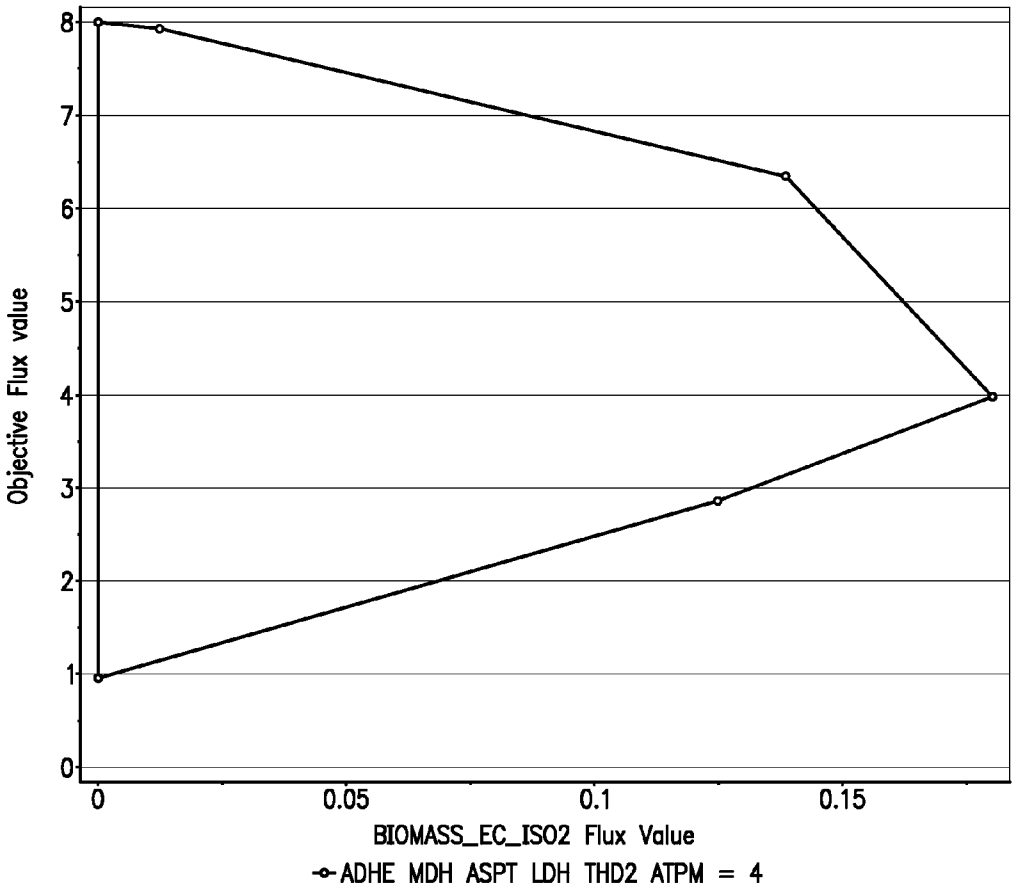
Objective Flux value
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0
0.05
0.1
0.15
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
ADHE MDH ASPT LDH THD2 ATPM = 4

FIG. 30

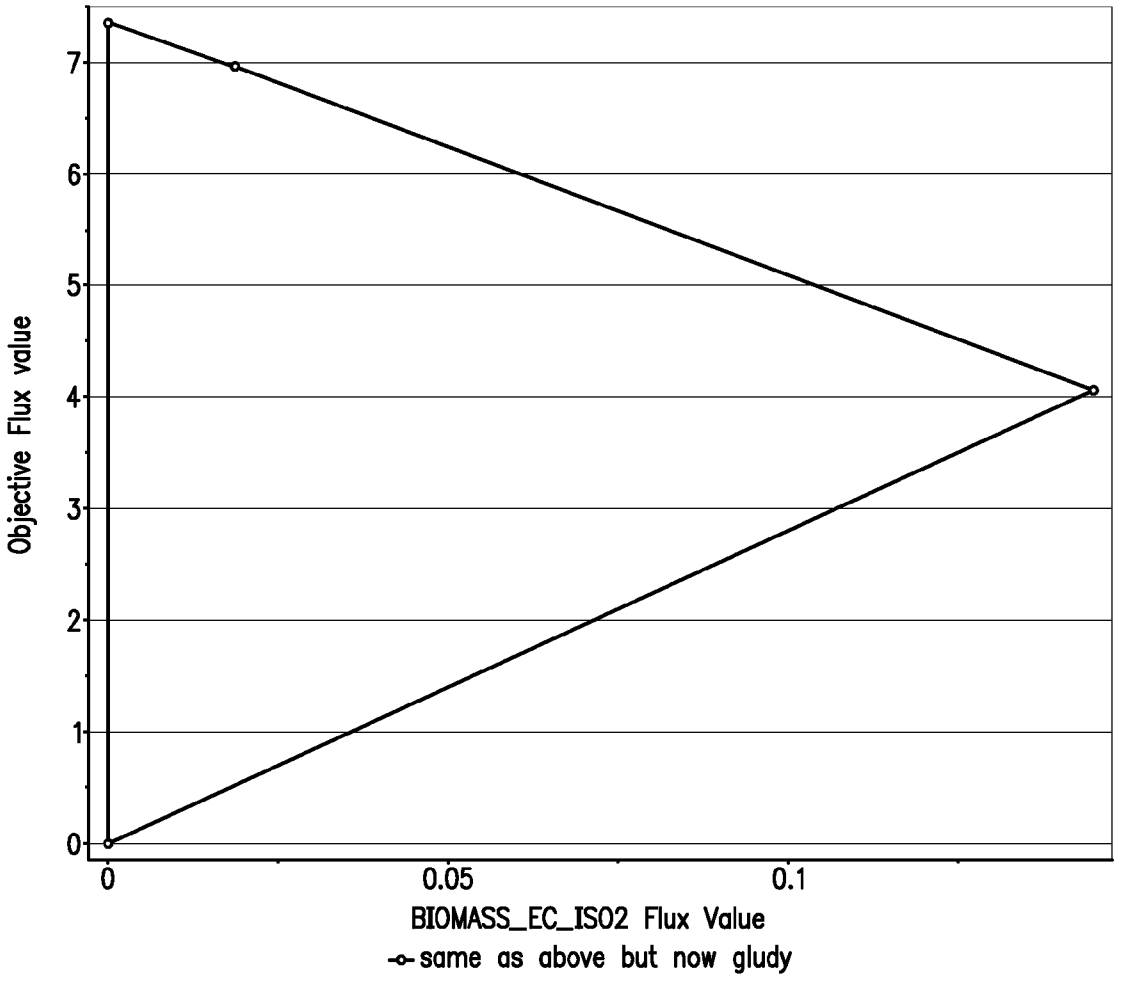
Objective Flux value
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0
0.05
0.1
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
same as above but now gludy

FIG. 31

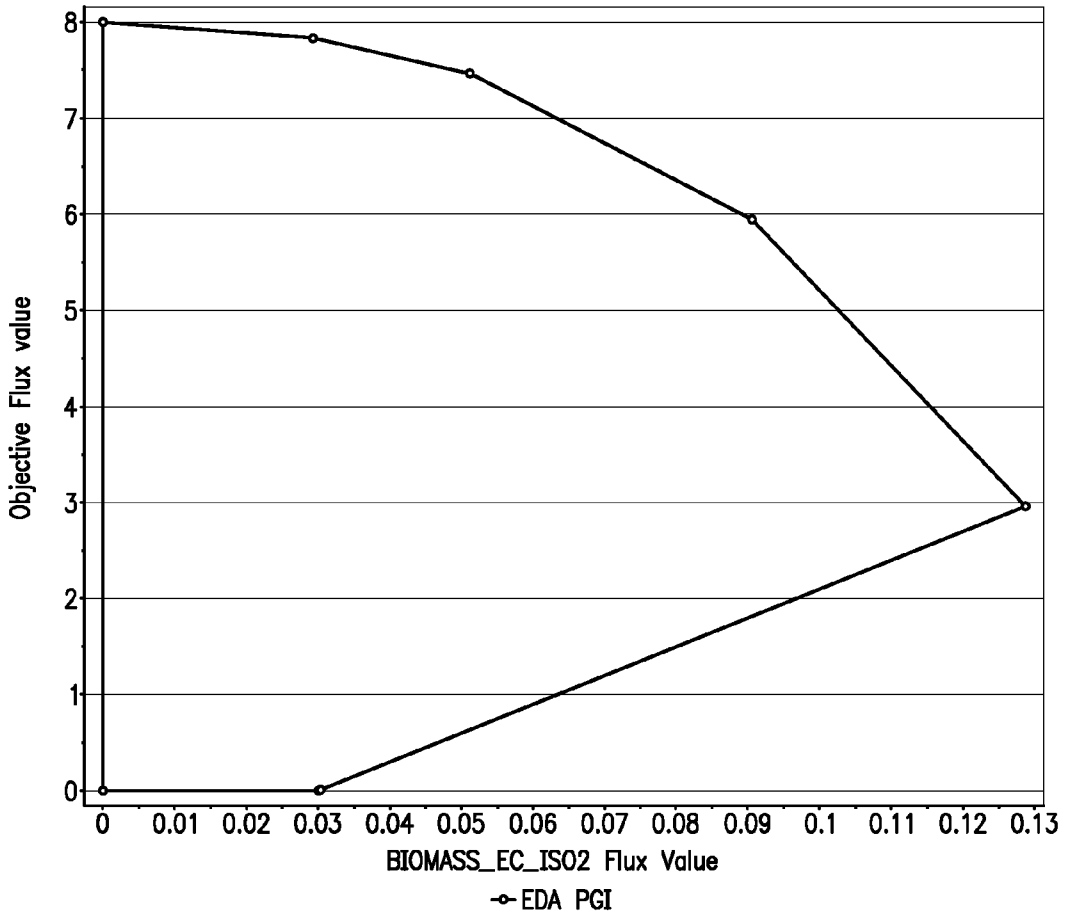
Objective Flux value
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.04 0.05 0.06 0.07 0.08 0.09 0.1 0.11 0.12 0.13
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
EDA PGI

FIG. 32

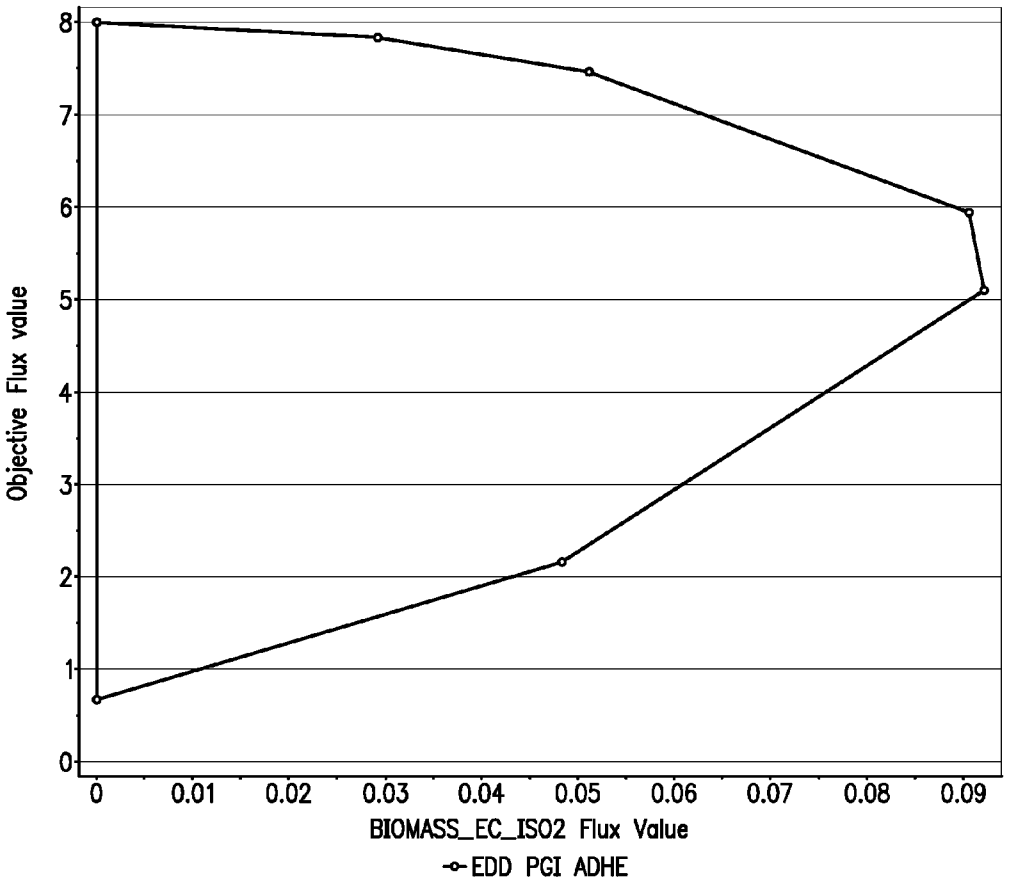
Objective Flux value
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0
0.01
0.02
0.03
0.04
0.05
0.06
0.07
0.08
0.09
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
EDD PGI ADHE

FIG. 33

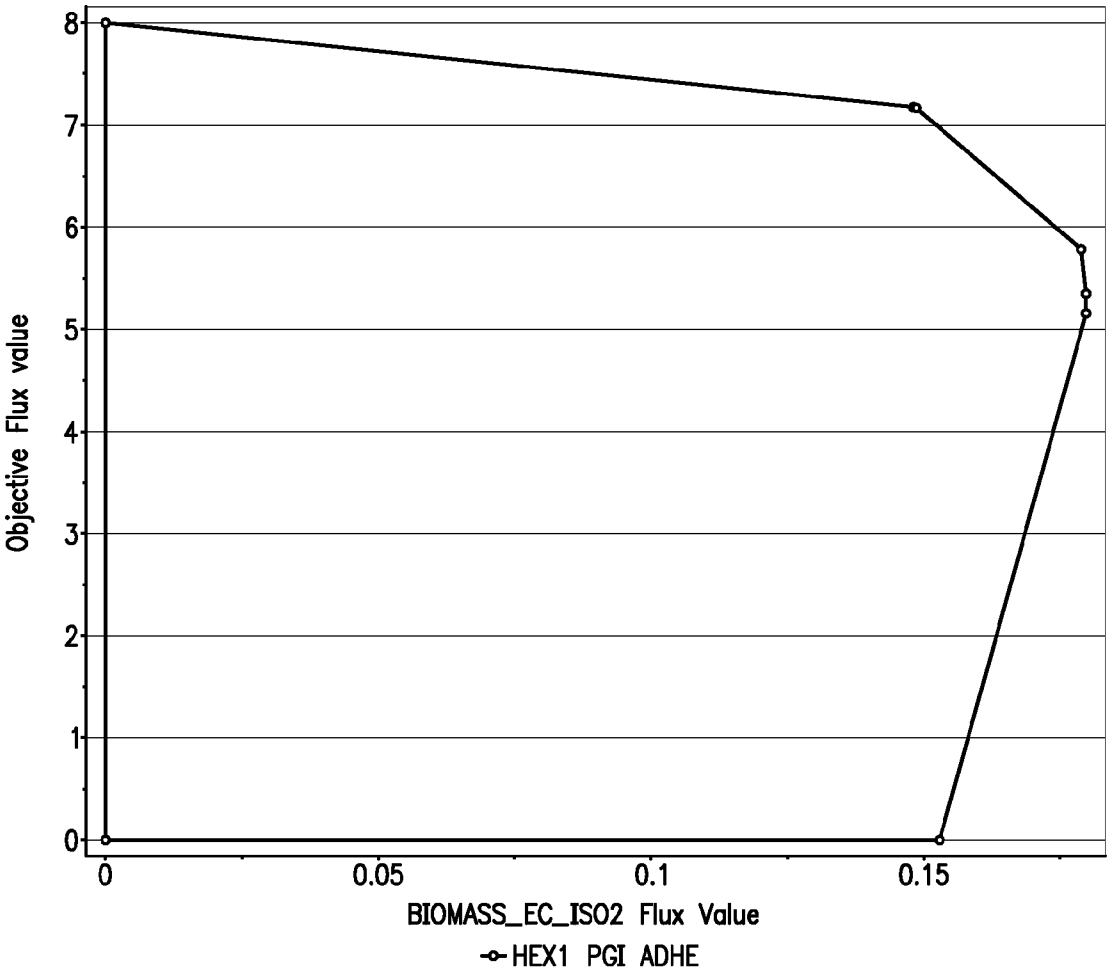
Objective Flux value
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0
0
0.05
0.1
0.15
BIOMASS_EC_ISO2 Flux Value
HEX1 PGI ADHE

FIG. 34

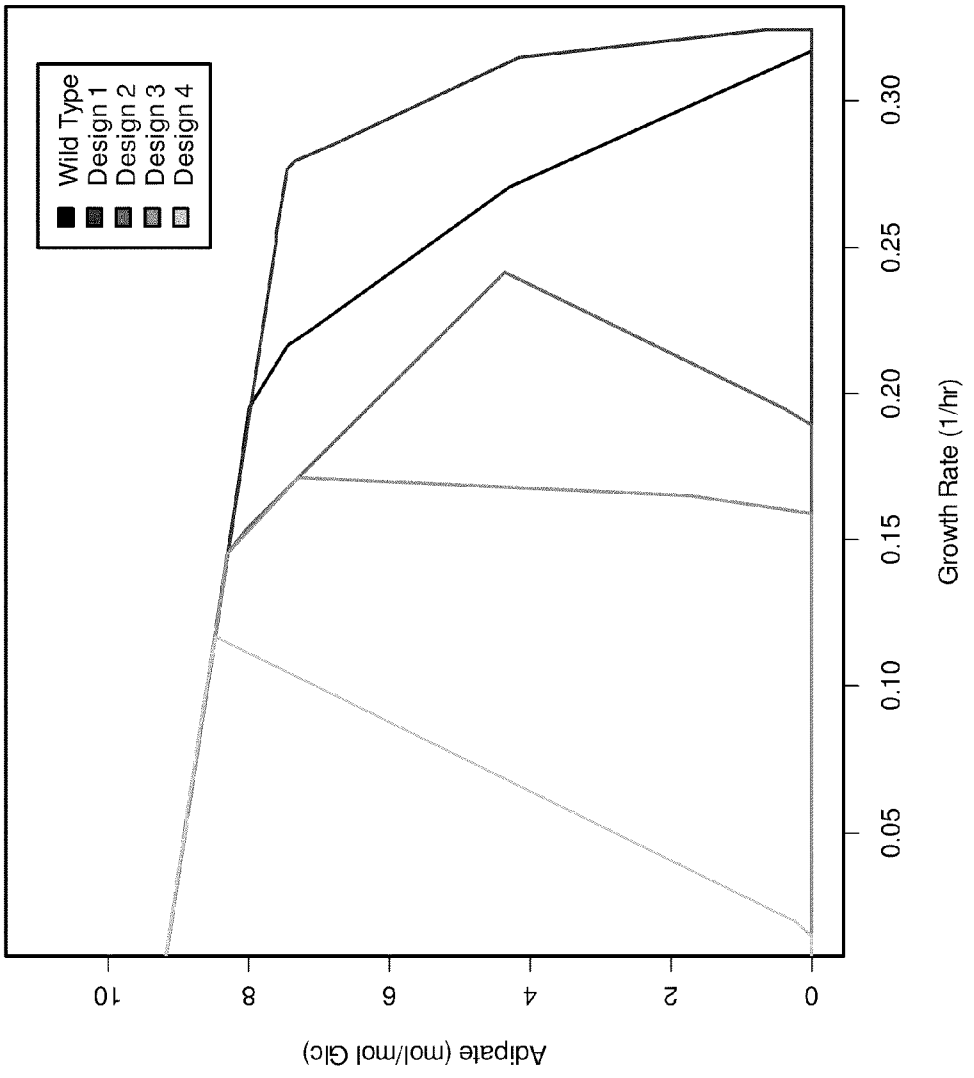
Wild Type
Design 1
Design 2
Design 3
Design 4
Adipate (mol/mol Glc)
0
2
4
6
8
10
0.05
0.10
0.15
0.20
0.25
0.30
Growth Rate (1/hr)

FIGURE 35

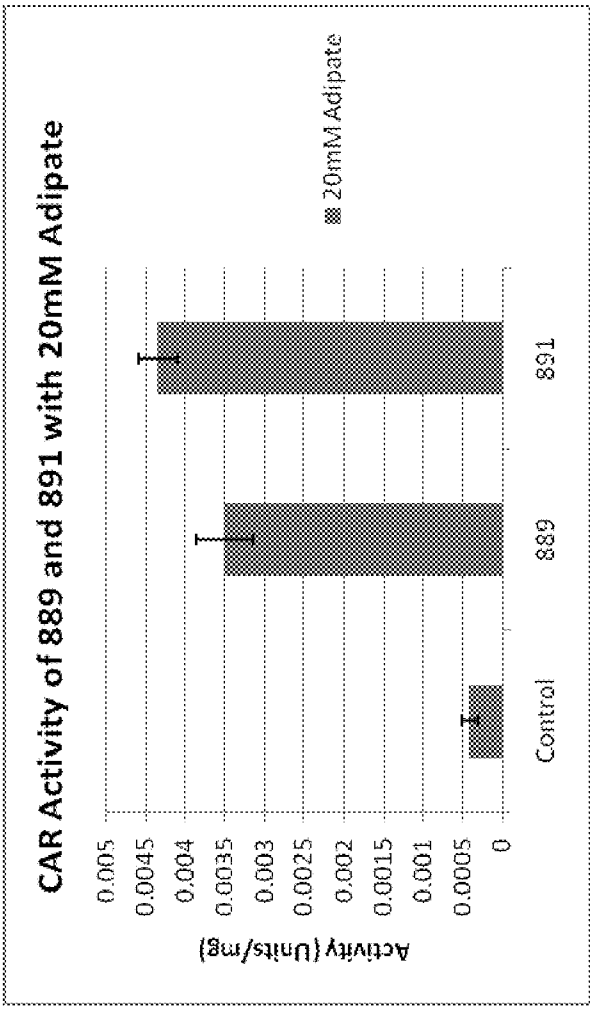
CAR Activity of 889 and 891 with 20mM Adipate
20mM Adipate
Activity (Units/mg)
0.005
0.0045
0.004
0.0035
0.003
0.0025
0.002
0.0015
0.001
0.0005
0
Control
889
891

FIGURE 36

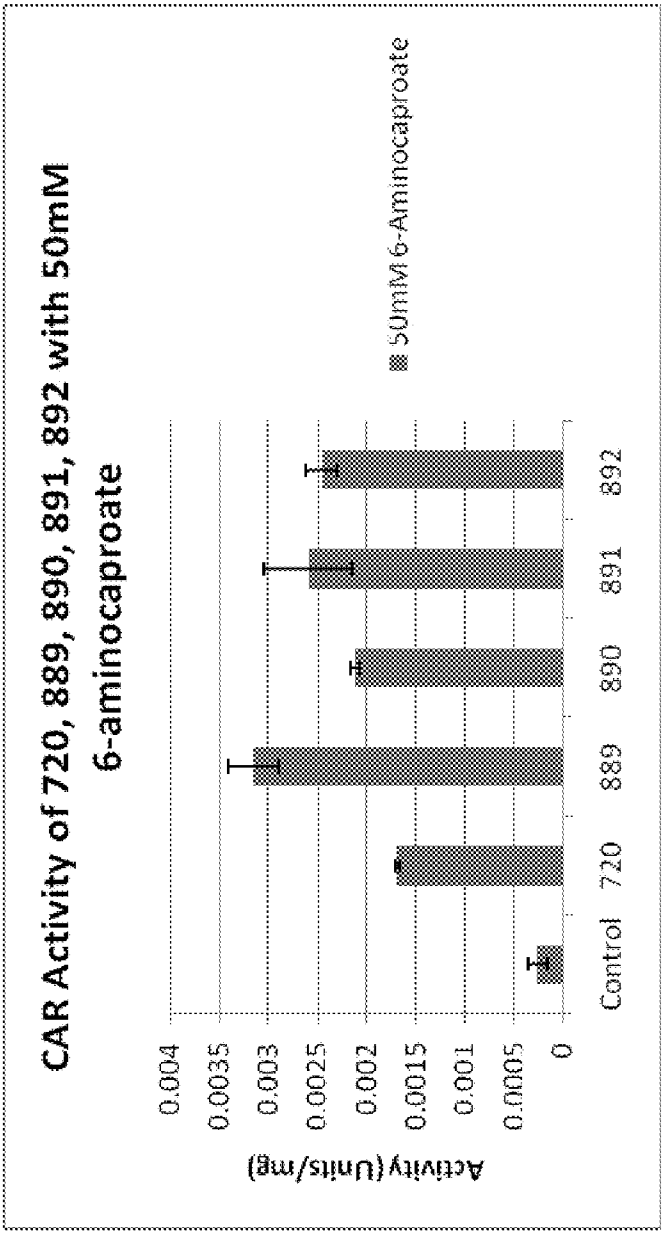
CAR Activity of 720, 889, 890, 891, 892 with 50mM 6-aminocaproate
50mM 6-Aminocaproate
Activity (Units/mg)
0.004
0.0035
0.003
0.0025
0.002
0.0015
0.001
0.0005
0
Control
720
889
890
891
892

FIGURE 37

MICROORGANISMS AND METHODS FOR THE BIOSYNTHESIS OF ADIPATE, HEXAMETHYLENEDIAMINE AND 6-AMINOCAPROIC ACID

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/176,196, filed May 7, 2009, U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/219,365, filed Jun. 22, 2009, U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/244,844, filed Sep. 22, 2009, U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/246,973, filed Sep. 29, 2009, and U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 61/247,533, filed Sep. 30, 2009, each of which the entire contents are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention relates generally to biosynthetic processes, and more specifically to organisms having adipate, hexamethylenediamine, 6-aminocaproic acid and caprolactam biosynthetic capability.

[0003] Adipic acid, a dicarboxylic acid, has a molecular weight of 146.14. It can be used is to produce nylon 6,6, a linear polyamide made by condensing adipic acid with hexamethylenediamine. This is employed for manufacturing different kinds of fibers. Other uses of adipic acid include its use in plasticizers, unsaturated polyesters, and polyester polyols. Additional uses include for production of polyurethane, lubricant components, and as a food ingredient as a flavorant and gelling aid.

[0004] Historically, adipic acid was prepared from various fats using oxidation. Some current processes for adipic acid synthesis rely on the oxidation of KA oil, a mixture of cyclohexanone, the ketone or K component, and cyclohexanol, the alcohol or A component, or of pure cyclohexanol using an excess of strong nitric acid. There are several variations of this theme which differ in the routes for production of KA or cyclohexanol. For example, phenol is an alternative raw material in KA oil production, and the process for the synthesis of adipic acid from phenol has been described. The other versions of this process tend to use oxidizing agents other than nitric acid, such as hydrogen peroxide, air or oxygen.

[0005] In addition to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) being used in the production of nylon-6,6 as described above, it is also utilized to make hexamethylene diisocyanate, a monomer feedstock used in the production of polyurethane. The diamine also serves as a cross-linking agent in epoxy resins. HMDA is presently produced by the hydrogenation of adiponitrile.

[0006] Caprolactam is an organic compound which is a lactam of 6-aminohexanoic acid (ϵ-aminohexanoic acid, 6-aminocaproic acid). It can alternatively be considered cyclic amide of caproic acid. One use of caprolactam is as a monomer in the production of nylon-6. Caprolactam can be synthesized from cyclohexanone via an oximation process using hydroxylammonium sulfate followed by catalytic rearrangement using the Beckmann rearrangement process step.

[0007] Methods for effectively producing commercial quantities of compounds such as hexamethylenediamine, 6-aminocaproic acid, levulinic acid and carpolactamare described herein and include related advantages.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

[0008] The invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam or hexametheylenediamine pathway. The microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an enzyme in the respective 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway. The invention additionally provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam or hexametheylenediamine. The method can include culturing a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid producing microbial organism, where the microbial organism expresses at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme in a sufficient amount to produce the respective product, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexametheylenediamine or levulinic acid.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] FIG. **1** shows an exemplary pathway for adipate degradation in the peroxisome of *Penicillium chrysogenum.*

[0010] FIG. **2** shows an exemplary pathway for adipate formation via a reverse degradation pathway. Several options are provided for the final conversion of adipyl-CoA to adipate.

[0011] FIG. **3** shows an exemplary pathway for adipate formation via the 3-oxoadipate pathway.

[0012] FIG. **4** show the similar enzyme chemistries of the last three steps of the 3-oxoadipate pathway for adipate synthesis and the reductive TCA cycle.

[0013] FIG. **5** shows an exemplary pathway for synthesis of adipic acid from glucose via cis,cis-muconic acid. Biosynthetic intermediates (abbreviations): D-erythrose 4-phosphate (E4P), phosphoenolpyruvic acid (PEP), 3-deoxy-D-arabinoheptulosonic acid 7-phosphate (DAHP), 3-dehydroquinic acid (DHQ), 3-dehydroshikimic acid (DHS), protocatechuic acid (PCA). Enzymes (encoding genes) or reaction conditions: (a) DAHP synthase (aroFFBR), (b) 3-dehydroquinate synthase (aroB), (c) 3-dehydroquinate dehydratase (aroD), (d) DHS dehydratase (aroZ), (e) protocatechuate decarboxylase (aroY), (f) catechol 1,2-dioxygenase (catA), (g) 10% Pt/C, H_2, 3400 kPa, 25° C. Figure taken from Niu et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 18:201-211 (2002)).

[0014] FIG. **6** shows an exemplary pathway for adipate synthesis via alpha-ketoadipate using alpha-ketoglutarate as a starting point.

[0015] FIG. **7** shows an exemplary pathway for synthesis of adipate using lysine as a starting point.

[0016] FIG. **8** shows an exemplary caprolactam synthesis pathway using adipyl-CoA as a starting point.

[0017] FIG. **9** shows exemplary adipate synthesis pathways using alpha-ketoadipate as a starting point.

[0018] FIG. **10** shows exemplary pathways from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and caprolactam. Pathways for the production of adipate, 6-aminocaproate, caprolactam, and hexamethylenediamine from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are depicted. Abbreviations: A) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, B) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA reduc-

tase, C) 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, D) 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, E) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, F) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, G) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase, H) 3-oxoadipate reductase, I) 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase, J) 5-carboxy-2-pentenoate reductase, K) adipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, L) adipyl-CoA synthase, M) adipyl-CoA hydrolase, N) adipyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), O) 6-aminocaproate transaminase, P) 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase, Q) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, R) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, S) amidohydrolase, T) spontaneous cyclization, U) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), V) HMDA transaminase, W) HMDA dehydrogenase.

[0019] FIG. **11** shows exemplary pathways from 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to hexamethylenediamine and caprolactam. Pathways for the production of 6-aminocaproate, caprolactam, and hexamethylenediamine from 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are depicted. Abbreviations: A) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase, B) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase, C) 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase, D) 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, E) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, F) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, G) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase, H) 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase, I) 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase, J) 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase, K) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, L) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, M) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase, N) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), O) HMDA transaminase, P) HMDA dehydrogenase, Q) spontaneous cyclization, R) amidohydrolase.

[0020] FIG. **12** shows pathways to 6-aminocaproate from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde. Enzymes are A) HODH aldolase, B) OHED hydratase, C) OHED reductase, D) 2-OHD decarboxylase, E) adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase and/or adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), F) OHED decarboxylase, G) 6-OHE reductase, H) 2-OHD aminotransferase and/or 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating), I) 2-AHD decarboxylase, J) OHED aminotransferase and/or OHED oxidoreductase (aminating), K) 2-AHE reductase, L) HODH formate-lyase and/or HODH dehydrogenase, M) 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, N) 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase, O) adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase, P) OHED formate-lyase and/or OHED dehydrogenase, Q) 2-OHD formate-lyase and/or 2-OHD dehydrogenase. Abbreviations are: HODH=4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate, OHED=2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate, 2-OHD=2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate, 2-AHE=2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate, 2-AHD=2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate, and 6-OHE=6-oxohex-4-enoate.

[0021] FIG. **13** shows pathways to hexamethylenediamine from 6-aminocapropate. Enzymes are A) 6-aminocaproate kinase, B) 6-AHOP oxidoreductase, C) 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase and/or 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), D) 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, E) 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase, F) 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase, G) 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), H) 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), I) 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase, J) 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, K) 6-AAHOP acyltransferase, L) 6-AHOP acyltransferase, M) 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase and/or 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase, N) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase. Abbreviations are: 6-AAHOP=[(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate and 6-AHOP=[(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate.

[0022] FIG. **14** shows: A) the acetyl-CoA cycle of arginine biosynthesis. Reactions (1) and (2) are catalyzed by ornithine acetyltransferase with acetylglutamate synthase and ornithine acyltransferase functionality. Reaction 3 is a lumped reaction catalyzed by acetylglutamate kinase, N-acetylglutamylphosphate reductase, and acetylornithine aminotransferase; B) the acetyl-CoA cycle of HMDA biosynthesis. Reactions (1) and (2) are catalyzed by HMDA acetyltransferase. Reaction (3) is a lumped reaction that includes all pathways to 6-acetamidohexanamine from 6-acetamidohexanoate shown in FIG. **13**.

[0023] FIG. **15** shows the growth of *E. coli* in media containing various concentrations of 6-ACA. *E. coli* was inoculated into media and grown in either aerobic (left and right bars) or anaerobic (middle bars) conditions. The cultures were grown for 48 hrs during the first trial and 30 hrs for a second trial under aerobic conditions (right bars).

[0024] FIG. **16** shows the tolerance of *E. coli* when exposed to 6-ACA. Midlog (OD600=0.3, lower dashed line) or early stationary (OD600=0.6, upper dashed line) cells were spun down and resuspended in fresh M9-Glucose medium with various concentrations of G-ACA. After overnight growth, cultures were measured for growth by measuring OD600.

[0025] FIG. **17** shows the ethanol production from cultures exposed to various concentrations of 6-ACA. Midlog or early stationary cells were spun down and resuspended in fresh M9-Glucose medium with various concentrations of 6-ACA. After overnight growth, cultures were measured for growth by measuring OD600 and metabolic activity assayed by ethanol production.

[0026] FIG. **18**, panels A and B, show the growth in various concentrations of 6-ACA with and without glycine betaine. Panel A. OD600 measurements of medium inoculated with midlog cultures of *E. coli* with various concentrations of 6-ACA with (right bars) and without (left bars) 2 mM glycine betaine. Panel B. Photograph showing the growth of same cultures in the anaerobic bottles.

[0027] FIG. **19** shows LC/MS analysis of in vitro thiolase reactions. Succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA were added to His-tagged, purified thiolases at a ratio of 2:1 (succinyl-CoA: acetyl-CoA). Reactions were analyzed by LC/MS and quantified by comparison to a standard for acetoacetyl-CoA or peak area determined for 3-oxoadipyl-CoA (β-ketoadipyl-CoA).

[0028] FIG. **20** shows exemplary pathways from glutamate to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and 6-aminocaproate. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) glutamyl-CoA transferase and/or ligase, B) beta-ketothiolase, C) 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, D) 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, E) 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, F) 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), G) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase and/or aminating oxidoreductase, H) homolysine decarboxylase, I) 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, transferase and/or ligase, J) 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase. The enzyme commission number indicated for each reaction is described in Example XXVI below.

[0029] FIG. **21** shows exemplary pathways from glutaryl-CoA to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and 6-aminocaproate. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) glutaryl-

CoA beta-ketothiolase, B) 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, transferase and/or ligase, C) 3-oxopimelate reductase, D) 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase and/or 7-aminating oxidoreductase, E) 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase and/or 3-aminating oxidoreductase, F) 3-oxopimelate kinase, G) 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, H) 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase and/or ligase, I) 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), J) 3-oxopimelate 3-aminotransferase and/or 3-aminating oxidoreductase, K) 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase and/or ligase, L) 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), M) 3-aminopimelate kinase, N) 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, O) 3-aminopimelate reductase, P) 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, Q) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase and/or aminating oxidoreductase, R) 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, S) homolysine decarboxylase, T) 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, U) 2-aminopimelate kinase, V) 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase and/or ligase, W) 2-aminopimelate reductase, X) 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, Y) 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), Z) 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase and/or 7-aminating oxidoreductase, AA) 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase and AB) 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase and/or 3-aminating oxidoreductase. The enzyme commission number indicated for each reaction is described in XXVI below.

[0030] FIG. **22** shows an exemplary pathway from pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA). The enzymes are designated as follows: A) 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, B) 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase, C) 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase, D) 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase and/or aminating oxidoreductase, E) homolysine decarboxylase, F) 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, G) 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase and/or 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase. The enzyme commission number indicated for each reaction is described in Example XXVI below.

[0031] FIG. **23** shows an exemplary pathway from homolysine to 6-aminocaproate. Step A is catalyzed by homolysine 2-monooxygenase. Step B is hydrolysis, catalyzed by dilute acid or base.

[0032] FIG. **24** shows exemplary pathways from 6-aminocaproate to hexamethylenediamine. This figure depicts additional pathways further to those presented in FIG. **13**. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) 6-aminocaproate kinase, B) 6-AHOP oxidoreductase, C) 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase and/or 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), D) 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, E) 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase, F) 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase, G) 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), H) 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), I) 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase and/or 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase, J) 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, K) 6-AAHOP acyltransferase, L) 6-AHOP acyltransferase, M) 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase and/or 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase, N) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase, O) 6-aminocaproate reductase and P) 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase. Abbreviations are: 6-AAHOP=[(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate and 6-AHOP=[(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate. The enzyme commission number indicated for each reaction is described in Example XXVI below.

[0033] FIG. **25** shows exemplary pathways from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA), caprolactam or levulinic acid. Pathways for the production of adipate, 6-aminocaproate, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine and levulinic acid from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are depicted. This figure depicts additional pathways further to those presented in FIG. **10**. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, B) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA reductase, C) 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, D) 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, E) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, F) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, G) 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase, H) 3-oxoadipate reductase, I) 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase, J) 5-carboxy-2-pentenoate reductase, K) adipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, L) adipyl-CoA synthase, M) adipyl-CoA hydrolase, N) adipyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), j) 6-aminocaproate transaminase, P) 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase, Q) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, R) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, S) amidohydrolase, T) spontaneous cyclization, U) 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), V) HMDA transaminase, W) HMDA dehydrogenase, X) adipate reductase, Y) adipate kinase, Z) adipylphosphate reductase, and AA) 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase.

[0034] FIG. **26** shows exemplary pathways from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and 6-aminocaproate. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, B) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, C) 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase and/or 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase, D) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase, E) 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, F) 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase, G) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, H) homolysine decarboxylase, I) 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase, J) 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase and/or 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, K) 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase and/or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase, L) 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase and M) 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase and/or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase. The enzyme commission number indicated for each reaction is described in Example XXVI below.

[0035] FIG. **27** shows an exemplary pathway from glutamate-5-semialdehyde to 2-amino-7-oxosubarate. The enzymes are designated as follows: A) 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, B) 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, C) 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

[0036] FIG. **28** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for an ADHEr, LDH_D mutant.

[0037] FIG. **29** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for an ADHEr, MDH, ASPT, LDH_D mutant.

[0038] FIG. **30** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for an ADHEr, MDH, ASPT, LDH_D, THD2 mutant.

[0039] FIG. **31** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for an ADHEr, MDH, ASPT, LDH_D, GLUDy mutant.

[0040] FIG. **32** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for a PGI, EDA mutant or a PGI, PGDHy mutant.

[0041] FIG. **33** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for a PGI, EDA, ADHEr mutant or a PGI, PGDHy, ADHEr mutant.

[0042] FIG. **34** shows the 6-ACA versus growth yields for an ADHEr, PGI, HEX1 mutant.

[0043] FIG. **35** shows growth-coupled adipate production characteristics of high priority strain designs (grey) compared with that of wild-type *E. coli* (black). A glucose uptake rate of 10 mmol/gDW/hr is assumed.

[0044] FIG. **36** shows the activity of CAR 889 and 891 using 20 mM Adipate. Activity is shown as units per mg of total protein in the crude lysate.

[0045] FIG. **37** shows the activity of CAR 720, 889, 890, 891 using 50 mM 6-aminocaproate. Activity is shown as units per mg of total protein in the crude lysate.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0046] The present invention is directed to the design and production of cells and organisms having biosynthetic production capabilities for 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. The results described herein indicate that metabolic pathways can be designed and recombinantly engineered to achieve the biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid in *Escherichia coli* and other cells or organisms. Biosynthetic production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be confirmed by construction of strains having the designed metabolic genotype. These metabolically engineered cells or organisms also can be subjected to adaptive evolution to further augment 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis, including under conditions approaching theoretical maximum growth.

[0047] As disclosed herein, a number of metabolic pathways for the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid are described. Two routes, the reverse adipate degradation pathway and the 3-oxoadipate pathway, were found to be beneficial with respect to: (i) the adipate yields (92% molar yield on glucose), (ii) the lack of oxygen requirement for adipate synthesis, (iii) the associated energetics, and (iv) the theoretical capability to produce adipate as the sole fermentation product. Metabolic pathways for adipate production that pass through α-ketoadipate or lysine are also described but are lower yielding and require aeration for maximum production. A pathway for producing either or both of 6-aminocaproate and caprolactam from adipyl-CoA, a precursor in the reverse degradation pathway, is also disclosed herein.

[0048] As disclosed herein, a number of exemplary pathways for biosynthesis of adipate are described. One exemplary pathway involves adipate synthesis via a route that relies on the reversibility of adipate degradation as described in organisms such as *P. chrysogenum* (see Examples I and II). A second exemplary pathway entails the formation of 3-oxoadipate followed by its reduction, dehydration and again reduction to form adipate (see Examples III and IV). The adipate yield using either of these two pathways is 0.92 moles per mole glucose consumed. The uptake of oxygen is not required for attaining these theoretical maximum yields, and the energetics under anaerobic conditions are favorable for growth and product secretion. A method for producing adipate from glucose-derived cis,cis-muconic acid was described previously (Frost et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,487,987, issued Jan. 30, 1996)(see Example V). Advantages of the embodiments disclosed herein over this previously described method are discussed. Metabolic pathways for adipate production that pass through α-ketoadipate (Example VI) or lysine (Example VII) precursors are lower yielding and require aeration for maximum production. A pathway for producing either or both of 6-aminocaproate and caprolactam from adipyl-CoA, a precursor in the reverse degradation pathway, is described (see Example VIII and IX). Additional pathways for producing adipate are described in Examples X and XI. Pathways for producing any one, two, three or all four of 6-aminocaproate, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine and levulinic acid from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are described in Examples XII, XXVIII. Several pathways for the production of 6-aminocaproate from succinic semialdehyde and pyruvate are described in Example XIX. Several pathways for the production of hexamethylenediamine from 6-aminocaproate are described in Examples XX and XXVII. A pathway for producing either or both 6-aminocaproate and hexamethylenediamine from glutamate is described in Examples XXIV and XXV. Several pathways for the production of hexamethylenediamine from glutaryl-CoA and at least one pathway for production of 6-aminocaproate from glutaryl-CoA are described in Examples XXIV and XXV. A pathway for producing 6-aminocaproate from homolysine is described in Example XXV. Pathways for producing hexamethylenediamine from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate are described in Example XXIV. Several pathways for producing 6-aminocaproate are described in Example XXV. Exemplary genes and enzymes required for constructing microbes with these capabilities are described as well as methods for cloning and transformation, monitoring product formation, and using the engineered microorganisms for production.

[0049] As disclosed herein, six different pathways for adipic acid synthesis using glucose/sucrose as a carbon substrate are described. For all maximum yield calculations, the missing reactions in a given pathway were added to the *E. coli* stoichiometric network in SimPheny that is similar to the one described previously (Reed et al., *Genome Biol.* 4:R54 (2003)). Adipate is a charged molecule under physiological conditions and was assumed to require energy in the form of a proton-based symport system to be secreted out of the network. Such a transport system is thermodynamically feasible if the fermentations are carried out at neutral or near-neutral pH. Low pH adipic acid formation would require an ATP-dependant export mechanism, for example, the ABC system as opposed to proton symport. The reactions in the pathways and methods of implementation of these pathways are described in Examples I-XI.

[0050] As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring" when used in reference to a microbial organism or microorganism of the invention is intended to mean that the microbial organism has at least one genetic alteration not normally found in a naturally occurring strain of the referenced species, including wild-type strains of the referenced species. Genetic alterations include, for example, modifications introducing expressible nucleic acids encoding metabolic polypeptides, other nucleic acid additions, nucleic acid deletions and/or other functional disruption of the microbial genetic material. Such modifications include, for example, coding regions and functional fragments thereof, for heterologous, homologous or both heterologous and homologous polypeptides for the referenced species. Additional modifications include, for example, non-coding regulatory regions in which the modifications alter expression of a gene or operon. Exemplary

metabolic polypeptides include enzymes within a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway.

[0051] A metabolic modification refers to a biochemical reaction that is altered from its naturally occurring state. Therefore, non-naturally occurring microorganisms can have genetic modifications to nucleic acids encoding metabolic polypeptides or, functional fragments thereof. Exemplary metabolic modifications are disclosed herein.

[0052] As used herein, the term "isolated" when used in reference to a microbial organism is intended to mean an organism that is substantially free of at least one component as the referenced microbial organism is found in nature. The term includes a microbial organism that is removed from some or all components as it is found in its natural environment. The term also includes a microbial organism that is removed from some or all components as the microbial organism is found in non-naturally occurring environments. Therefore, an isolated microbial organism is partly or completely separated from other substances as it is found in nature or as it is grown, stored or subsisted in non-naturally occurring environments. Specific examples of isolated microbial organisms include partially pure microbes, substantially pure microbes and microbes cultured in a medium that is non-naturally occurring.

[0053] As used herein, the terms "microbial," "microbial organism" or "microorganism" is intended to mean any organism that exists as a microscopic cell that is included within the domains of archaea, bacteria or eukarya. Therefore, the term is intended to encompass prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells or organisms having a microscopic size and includes bacteria, archaea and eubacteria of all species as well as eukaryotic microorganisms such as yeast and fungi. The term also includes cell cultures of any species that can be cultured for the production of a biochemical.

[0054] As used herein, the term "CoA" or "coenzyme A" is intended to mean an organic cofactor or prosthetic group (nonprotein portion of an enzyme) whose presence is required for the activity of many enzymes (the apoenzyme) to form an active enzyme system. Coenzyme A functions in certain condensing enzymes, acts in acetyl or other acyl group transfer and in fatty acid synthesis and oxidation, pyruvate oxidation and in other acetylation.

[0055] As used herein, "adipate," having the chemical formula —OOC—$(CH_2)_4$—COO— (see FIG. **2**) (IUPAC name hexanedioate), is the ionized form of adipic acid (IUPAC name hexanedioic acid), and it is understood that adipate and adipic acid can be used interchangeably throughout to refer to the compound in any of its neutral or ionized forms, including any salt forms thereof. It is understood by those skilled understand that the specific form will depend on the pH.

[0056] As used herein, "6-aminocaproate," having the chemical formula —OOC—$(CH_2)_5$—NH_2 (see FIGS. **8** and **12**), is the ionized form of 6-aminocaproic acid (IUPAC name 6-aminohexanoic acid), and it is understood that 6-aminocaproate and 6-aminocaproic acid can be used interchangeably throughout to refer to the compound in any of its neutral or ionized forms, including any salt forms thereof. It is understood by those skilled understand that the specific form will depend on the pH.

[0057] As used herein, "caprolactam" (IUPAC name azepan-2-one) is a lactam of 6-aminohexanoic acid (see FIG. **8**).

[0058] As used herein, "hexamethylenediamine," also referred to as 1,6-diaminohexane or 1,6-hexanediamine, has the chemical formula $H_2N(CH_2)_6NH_2$ (see FIGS. **10**, **11** and **13**).

[0059] As used herein, the term "substantially anaerobic" when used in reference to a culture or growth condition is intended to mean that the amount of oxygen is less than about 10% of saturation for dissolved oxygen in liquid media. The term also is intended to include sealed chambers of liquid or solid medium maintained with an atmosphere of less than about 1% oxygen.

[0060] As used herein, the term "osmoprotectant" when used in reference to a culture or growth condition is intended to mean a compound that acts as an osmolyte and helps a microbial organism as described herein survive osmotic stress. Osmoprotectants include, for example, betaines, amino acids, and the sugar trehalose. Non-limiting examples of such are glycine betaine, praline betaine, dimethylthetin, dimethylslfonioproprionate, 3-dimethylsulfonio-2-methylproprionate, pipecolic acid, dimethylsulfonioacetate, choline, L-carnitine and ectoine.

[0061] As used herein, the term "growth-coupled" when used in reference to the production of a biochemical is intended to mean that the biosynthesis of the referenced biochemical is produced during the growth phase of a microorganism. In a particular embodiment, the growth-coupled production can be obligatory, meaning that the biosynthesis of the referenced biochemical is an obligatory product produced during the growth phase of a microorganism.

[0062] As used herein, "metabolic modification" is intended to refer to a biochemical reaction that is altered from its naturally occurring state. Metabolic modifications can include, for example, elimination of a biochemical reaction activity by functional disruptions of one or more genes encoding an enzyme participating in the reaction. Sets of exemplary metabolic modifications are described herein (see Example XXX).

[0063] As used herein, the term "gene disruption," or grammatical equivalents thereof, is intended to mean a genetic alteration that renders the encoded gene product inactive. The genetic alteration can be, for example, deletion of the entire gene, deletion of a regulatory sequence required for transcription or translation, deletion of a portion of the gene which results in a truncated gene product, or by any of various mutation strategies that inactivate the encoded gene product. One particularly useful method of gene disruption is complete gene deletion because it reduces or eliminates the occurrence of genetic reversions in the non-naturally occurring microorganisms of the invention.

[0064] "Exogenous" as it is used herein is intended to mean that the referenced molecule or the referenced activity is introduced into the host microbial organism. The molecule can be introduced, for example, by introduction of an encoding nucleic acid into the host genetic material such as by integration into a host chromosome or as non-chromosomal genetic material such as a plasmid. Therefore, the term as it is used in reference to expression of an encoding nucleic acid refers to introduction of the encoding nucleic acid in an expressible form into the microbial organism. When used in reference to a biosynthetic activity, the term refers to an activity that is introduced into the host reference organism. The source can be, for example, a homologous or heterologous encoding nucleic acid that expresses the referenced activity following introduction into the host microbial organ-

ism. Therefore, the term "endogenous" refers to a referenced molecule or activity that is present in the host. Similarly, the term when used in reference to expression of an encoding nucleic acid refers to expression of an encoding nucleic acid contained within the microbial organism. The term "heterologous" refers to a molecule or activity derived from a source other than the referenced species whereas "homologous" refers to a molecule or activity derived from the host microbial organism. Accordingly, exogenous expression of an encoding nucleic acid of the invention can utilize either or both a heterologous or homologous encoding nucleic acid.

[0065] It is understood that when more than one exogenous nucleic acid is included in a microbial organism that the more than one exogenous nucleic acids refers to the referenced encoding nucleic acid or biosynthetic activity, as discussed above. It is further understood, as disclosed herein, that such more than one exogenous nucleic acids can be introduced into the host microbial organism on separate nucleic acid molecules, on polycistronic nucleic acid molecules, or a combination thereof, and still be considered as more than one exogenous nucleic acid. For example, as disclosed herein a microbial organism can be engineered to express two or more exogenous nucleic acids encoding a desired pathway enzyme or protein. In the case where two exogenous nucleic acids encoding a desired activity are introduced into a host microbial organism, it is understood that the two exogenous nucleic acids can be introduced as a single nucleic acid, for example, on a single plasmid, on separate plasmids, can be integrated into the host chromosome at a single site or multiple sites, and still be considered as two exogenous nucleic acids. Similarly, it is understood that more than two exogenous nucleic acids can be introduced into a host organism in any desired combination, for example, on a single plasmid, on separate plasmids, can be integrated into the host chromosome at a single site or multiple sites, and still be considered as two or more exogenous nucleic acids, for example three exogenous nucleic acids. Thus, the number of referenced exogenous nucleic acids or biosynthetic activities refers to the number of encoding nucleic acids or the number of biosynthetic activities, not the number of separate nucleic acids introduced into the host organism.

[0066] The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can contain stable genetic alterations, which refers to microorganisms that can be cultured for greater than five generations without loss of the alteration. Generally, stable genetic alterations include modifications that persist greater than 10 generations, particularly stable modifications will persist more than about 25 generations, and more particularly, stable genetic modifications will be greater than 50 generations, including indefinitely.

[0067] In the case of gene disruptions, a particularly useful stable genetic alteration is a gene deletion. The use of a gene deletion to introduce a stable genetic alteration is particularly useful to reduce the likelihood of a reversion to a phenotype prior to the genetic alteration. For example, stable growth-coupled production of a biochemical can be achieved, for example, by deletion of a gene encoding an enzyme catalyzing one or more reactions within a set of metabolic modifications. The stability of growth-coupled production of a biochemical can be further enhanced through multiple deletions, significantly reducing the likelihood of multiple compensatory reversions occurring for each disrupted activity.

[0068] Those skilled in the art will understand that the genetic alterations, including metabolic modifications exemplified herein, are described with reference to a suitable host organism such as *E. coli* and their corresponding metabolic reactions or a suitable source organism for desired genetic material such as genes for a desired metabolic pathway. However, given the complete genome sequencing of a wide variety of organisms and the high level of skill in the area of genomics, those skilled in the art will readily be able to apply the teachings and guidance provided herein to essentially all other organisms. For example, the *E. coli* metabolic alterations exemplified herein can readily be applied to other species by incorporating the same or analogous encoding nucleic acid from species other than the referenced species. Such genetic alterations include, for example, genetic alterations of species homologs, in general, and in particular, orthologs, paralogs or nonorthologous gene displacements.

[0069] An ortholog is a gene or genes that are related by vertical descent and are responsible for substantially the same or identical functions in different organisms. For example, mouse epoxide hydrolase and human epoxide hydrolase can be considered orthologs for the biological function of hydrolysis of epoxides. Genes are related by vertical descent when, for example, they share sequence similarity of sufficient amount to indicate they are homologous, or related by evolution from a common ancestor. Genes can also be considered orthologs if they share three-dimensional structure but not necessarily sequence similarity, of a sufficient amount to indicate that they have evolved from a common ancestor to the extent that the primary sequence similarity is not identifiable. Genes that are orthologous can encode proteins with sequence similarity of about 25% to 100% amino acid sequence identity. Genes encoding proteins sharing an amino acid similarity less that 25% can also be considered to have arisen by vertical descent if their three-dimensional structure also shows similarities. Members of the serine protease family of enzymes, including tissue plasminogen activator and elastase, are considered to have arisen by vertical descent from a common ancestor.

[0070] Orthologs include genes or their encoded gene products that through, for example, evolution, have diverged in structure or overall activity. For example, where one species encodes a gene product exhibiting two functions and where such functions have been separated into distinct genes in a second species, the three genes and their corresponding products are considered to be orthologs. For the production of a biochemical product, those skilled in the art will understand that the orthologous gene harboring the metabolic activity to be introduced or disrupted is to be chosen for construction of the non-naturally occurring microorganism. An example of orthologs exhibiting separable activities is where distinct activities have been separated into distinct gene products between two or more species or within a single species. A specific example is the separation of elastase proteolysis and plasminogen proteolysis, two types of serine protease activity, into distinct molecules as plasminogen activator and elastase. A second example is the separation of mycoplasma 5'-3' exonuclease and *Drosophila* DNA polymerase III activity. The DNA polymerase from the first species can be considered an ortholog to either or both of the exonuclease or the polymerase from the second species and vice versa.

[0071] In contrast, paralogs are homologs related by, for example, duplication followed by evolutionary divergence and have similar or common, but not identical functions. Paralogs can originate or derive from, for example, the same species or from a different species. For example, microsomal

epoxide hydrolase (epoxide hydrolase I) and soluble epoxide hydrolase (epoxide hydrolase II) can be considered paralogs because they represent two distinct enzymes, co-evolved from a common ancestor, that catalyze distinct reactions and have distinct functions in the same species. Paralogs are proteins from the same species with significant sequence similarity to each other suggesting that they are homologous, or related through co-evolution from a common ancestor. Groups of paralogous protein families include HipA homologs, luciferase genes, peptidases, and others.

[0072] A nonorthologous gene displacement is a nonorthologous gene from one species that can substitute for a referenced gene function in a different species. Substitution includes, for example, being able to perform substantially the same or a similar function in the species of origin compared to the referenced function in the different species. Although generally, a nonorthologous gene displacement will be identifiable as structurally related to a known gene encoding the referenced function, less structurally related but functionally similar genes and their corresponding gene products nevertheless will still fall within the meaning of the term as it is used herein. Functional similarity requires, for example, at least some structural similarity in the active site or binding region of a nonorthologous gene product compared to a gene encoding the function sought to be substituted. Therefore, a nonorthologous gene includes, for example, a paralog or an unrelated gene.

[0073] Therefore, in identifying and constructing the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention having 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic capability, those skilled in the art will understand with applying the teaching and guidance provided herein to a particular species that the identification of metabolic modifications can include identification and inclusion or inactivation of orthologs. To the extent that paralogs and/or nonorthologous gene displacements are present in the referenced microorganism that encode an enzyme catalyzing a similar or substantially similar metabolic reaction, those skilled in the art also can utilize these evolutionally related genes. In gene disruption strategies, evolutionally related genes can also be disrupted or deleted in a host microbial organism, paralogs or orthologs, to reduce or eliminate activities to ensure that any functional redundancy in enzymatic activities targeted for disruption do not short circuit the designed metabolic modifications.

[0074] Orthologs, paralogs and nonorthologous gene displacements can be determined by methods well known to those skilled in the art. For example, inspection of nucleic acid or amino acid sequences for two polypeptides will reveal sequence identity and similarities between the compared sequences. Based on such similarities, one skilled in the art can determine if the similarity is sufficiently high to indicate the proteins are related through evolution from a common ancestor. Algorithms well known to those skilled in the art, such as Align, BLAST, Clustal W and others compare and determine a raw sequence similarity or identity, and also determine the presence or significance of gaps in the sequence which can be assigned a weight or score. Such algorithms also are known in the art and are similarly applicable for determining nucleotide sequence similarity or identity. Parameters for sufficient similarity to determine relatedness are computed based on well known methods for calculating statistical similarity, or the chance of finding a similar match in a random polypeptide, and the significance of the match determined. A computer comparison of two or more sequences can, if desired, also be optimized visually by those skilled in the art. Related gene products or proteins can be expected to have a high similarity, for example, 25% to 100% sequence identity. Proteins that are unrelated can have an identity which is essentially the same as would be expected to occur by chance, if a database of sufficient size is scanned (about 5%). Sequences between 5% and 24% may or may not represent sufficient homology to conclude that the compared sequences are related. Additional statistical analysis to determine the significance of such matches given the size of the data set can be carried out to determine the relevance of these sequences.

[0075] Exemplary parameters for determining relatedness of two or more sequences using the BLAST algorithm, for example, can be as set forth below. Briefly, amino acid sequence alignments can be performed using BLASTP version 2.0.8 (Jan. 5, 1999) and the following parameters: Matrix: 0 BLOSUM62; gap open: 11; gap extension: 1; x_dropoff: 50; expect: 10.0; wordsize: 3; filter: on. Nucleic acid sequence alignments can be performed using BLASTN version 2.0.6 (Sep. 16, 1998) and the following parameters: Match: 1; mismatch: −2; gap open: 5; gap extension: 2; x_dropoff: 50; expect: 10.0; wordsize: 11; filter: off. Those skilled in the art will know what modifications can be made to the above parameters to either increase or decrease the stringency of the comparison, for example, and determine the relatedness of two or more sequences.

[0076] Disclosed herein are non-naturally occurring microbial organisms capable of producing adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. For example, an adipate pathway can be a reverse adipate degradation pathway (see Examples I and II). For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA synthetase or phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase or adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. In addition, an adipate pathway can be through a 3-oxoadipate pathway (see Examples III and IV). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxoadipate reductase, 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase, and 2-enoate reductase.

[0077] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and transaminase (see Examples VIII and IX). Alternatively, 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase can be used to convert adipate semialdehyde to form 6-aminocaproate (see FIG. **8**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism can also have a caprolactam pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde

dehydrogenase, transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase, and amidohydrolase (see Examples VIII and IX).

[0078] As disclosed herein, a 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam producing microbial organism can produce 6-aminocaproic acid and/or caprolactam from an adipyl-CoA precursor (see FIG. **8** and Examples VIII and IX). Therefore, it is understood that a 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam producing microbial organism can further include a pathway to produce adipyl-CoA. For example an adipyl-CoA pathway can include the enzymes of FIG. **2** that utilize succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA as precursors through the production of adipyl-CoA, that is, lacking an enzyme for the final step of converting adipyl-CoA to adipate. Thus, one exemplary adipyl-CoA pathway can include succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase and 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase.

[0079] In addition, as shown in FIG. **1**, an adipate degradation pathway includes the step of converting adipate to adipyl-CoA by an adipate CoA ligase. Therefore, an adipyl-CoA pathway can be an adipate pathway that further includes an enzyme activity that converts adipate to adipyl-CoA, including, for example, adipate-CoA ligase activity as in the first step of FIG. **1** or any of the enzymes in the final step of FIG. **2** carried out in the reverse direction, for example, any of adipyl-CoA synthetase (also referred to as adipate Co-A ligase), phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. An enzyme having adipate to adipyl-CoA activity can be an endogenous activity or can be provided as an exogenous nucleic acid encoding the enzyme, as disclosed herein. Thus, it is understood that any adipate pathway can be utilized with an adipate to adipyl-CoA enzymatic activity to generate an adipyl-CoA pathway. Such a pathway can be included in a 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam producing microbial organism to provide an adipyl-CoA precursor for 6-aminocaproic acid and/or caprolactam production.

[0080] An additional exemplary adipate pathway utilizes alpha-ketoadipate as a precursor (see FIG. **6** and Example VI). For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including homocitrate synthase, homoaconitase, homoisocitrate dehydrogenase, 2-ketoadipate reductase, alpha-hydroxyadipate dehydratase and oxidoreductase. A further exemplary adipate pathway utilizes a lysine dedgradation pathway (see FIG. **7** and Example VII). Another non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including carbon nitrogen lyase, oxidoreductase, transaminase and oxidoreductase.

[0081] Yet another exemplary adipate pathway utilizes alpha-ketoadipate as a precursor (see FIG. **9** and Examples X and XI). Thus, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransketoadipylase/alpha-ketoadipate kinase or alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase; and adipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including 2-hydroxyadipate dehydrogenase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotranshydroxyadipylase/2-hydroxyadipate kinase or 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase; and adipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase.

[0082] As disclosed herein, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, including a microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase (see Examples XII and XIII; steps A/B/C/D/K/L/M of FIG. **11**). The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, including a microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase (see Examples XII and XIV; steps A/E/F/G/H/I/J of FIG. **11**).

[0083] In another embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, including a microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase (see Examples XII and XV; steps K/L of FIG. **11**). Such a non-naturally occurring microbial organism containing a caprolactam pathway can further comprise a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway (see FIG. **11**). Exemplary 6-aminocaproic acid pathways include the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase; and transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase or the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase (steps A/E/F/G/H/I/J of FIG. **11**). It is understood that these or other exemplary 6-aminocaproic acid pathways disclosed herein can additionally be included in a microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway, if desired. The invention also provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, includ-

ing a microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce hexamethylenediamine, the hexamethylenediamine pathway including 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase (see Example XII and XVI; steps K/L/N/O/P of FIG. **11**). Such a non-naturally occurring microbial organism containing a hexamethylenediamine pathway can further comprise a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway (see FIG. **11**). Exemplary 6-aminocaproic acid pathways include the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase; and transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase or the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase (steps A/E/F/G/H/I/J of FIG. **11**). It is understood that these or other exemplary 6-aminocaproic acid pathways disclosed herein can additionally be included in a microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway, if desired.

[0084] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase (see Examples XII and XVII; steps A/B/C/D of FIG. **11**). Also provided is a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce hexamethylenediamine, the hexamethylenediamine pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase (see Examples XII and XVIII; steps A/B/C/D/N/O/P of FIG. **11**).

[0085] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) aldolase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) reductase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) decarboxylase, an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase, an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) decarboxylase, a 6-oxohex-4-enoate (6-OHE) reductase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) aminotransferase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) decarboxylase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) aminotransferase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE) reductase, a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) formate-lyase, a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) dehydrogenase, a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase, a adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) formate-lyase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) dehydrogenase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) formate-lyase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) dehydrogenase, or a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A-Q of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase.

[0086] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD decarboxylase; or an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/D/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD decarboxylase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating).

[0087] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED decarboxylase; a 6-OHE reductase; or an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/F/G/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED decarboxylase; a 6-OHE reductase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating).

[0088] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED aminotransferase or an OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); a 2-AHE reductase; or a 2-AHD decarboxylase (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/J/D/I of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of

the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED aminotransferase or an OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); a 2-AHE reductase; and a 2-AHD decarboxylase.

[0089] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); or a 2-AHD decarboxylase (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/H/I of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding G-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 2-AHD decarboxylase.

[0090] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an HODH formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or an HODH dehydrogenase; a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/L/M/N/O/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an HODH formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or an HODH dehydrogenase; a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating).

[0091] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/P/N/O/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating).

[0092] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or a 2-OHD dehydrogenase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/Q/O/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or a 2-OHD dehydrogenase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating).The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a glutamyl-CoA transferase, a glutamyl-CoA ligase, a beta-ketothiolase, an 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), or a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/D/E/I/J of FIG. **20**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode a glutamyl-CoA transferase or glutamyl-CoA ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase.

[0093] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, or a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/AA of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes,

where the set encode a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase. The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a G-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a homolysine 2-monooxygenase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A of FIG. **23**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes hydrolysis of the 6-aminohexanamide product by a dilute acid or base to convert 6-aminohexanamide to 6-aminocaproate (see Examples XXV and XXVI; step B of FIG. **23**).

[0094] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the G-ACA pathway including an adipate reductase, an adipate kinase or an adipylphosphate reductase (see Example XXVIII; steps X/Y/Z of FIG. **25** and Example XXXI). In a further aspect, the G-ACA pathway includes an adipate reductase. In another further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an adipate kinase and an adipylphosphate reductase. In still another aspect, the microbial organism having the 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway above further comprises an adipate pathway, a caprolactam pathway and/or a hexamethylenediamine pathway described here (see Example XXVIII; steps A-W of FIG. **25**).

[0095] In one embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce G-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase, a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, or a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/D/E/F/G/I of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0096] In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase; and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Example XXV; steps A/D/E of FIG. **26**). In yet another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase (see Example XXV; steps A/B/F of FIG. **26**). In still yet another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase (see Example XXV; steps I/G/F of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect of each of the above embodiments, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0097] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate kinase, an [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) oxidoreductase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase, an [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) oxidoreductase, a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase, a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) acyltransferase, a [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) acyltransferase, a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase and a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A-N of FIG. **13**).

[0098] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase.

[0099] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP acyltransferase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or

a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A/L/N/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP acyltransferase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase.

[0100] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps M/N/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase.

[0101] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); or a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/E/F/G/H of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).

[0102] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); or a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/I/J/G/H of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); or a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/E/K/J/G of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutamyl-CoA transferase, a glutamyl-CoA ligase, a beta-ketothiolase, an 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A-H of FIG. **20**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutamyl-CoA transferase or ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0103] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimelate ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxi-

doreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate kinase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 2-aminopimelate reductase, a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; FIG. **21**).

[0104] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0105] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/F/G/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0106] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase, 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/H/I/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0107] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 1-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0108] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA path-

way including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/H/I/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0109] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/F/G/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0110] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B//J/O/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0111] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/M/N/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0112] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/K/L/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a

2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0113] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/O/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0114] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/K/L/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0115] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/M/N/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0116] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate reductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/W/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0117] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate kinase, a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/U/X/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate

kinase; a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0118] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase, 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/V/Y/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0119] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase, a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase aminating oxidoreductase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A-G of FIG. **22**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase or a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase.

[0120] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate reductase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase, 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase, 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Example XXVII; steps O/C or D/P/G/H of FIG. 24 and Example XXXI). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate reductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase, a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase, a 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; Steps A/B/C/G/H/I/J/K/L/M of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0121] In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase; a 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps K/L/H of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotrans-

ferase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps I/J/H of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps I/G/C of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/M/H of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect of each of the above embodiments, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).T*he* invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a levulinic acid (LA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a LA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce LA, the LA pathway including a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase, or a 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase (see Example XXIX; steps A/E/F/G/AA of FIG. **25**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding LA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase; a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, or a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase; and a 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase.

[0122] A non-naturally occurring microbial organism disclosed herein can have, for example, a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, wherein the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product, as disclosed herein. Thus, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can contain at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide, where the polypeptide is an enzyme or protein that converts the substrates and products of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, such as that shown in FIGS. **2**, **3**, **8**, **9**, **10**, **11**, **12**, **13** and **20**-**27**.

[0123] For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to 3-oxoadipyl-CoA; 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA; 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA; adipyl-CoA to adipate (see FIG. **2**). Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to 3-oxoadipyl-CoA; 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to 3-oxoadipate; 3-oxoadipate to 3-hydroxyadipate; 3-hydroxyadipate to hexa-2-enedioate (also referred to herein as 5-carboxy-2-pentenoate); hexa-2-enedioate to adipate (see FIG. **3**). Also, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (see FIG. **8**). Furthermore, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a caprolactam pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde; adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate; and 6-aminocaproate to caprolactam. Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from alpha-ketoadipate to alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA; alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA to 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA; and adipyl-CoA to adipate (see FIG. **9**). Also, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an adipate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from alpha-ketoadipate to 2-hydroxyadipate; 2-hydroxyadipate to 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA; and adipyl-CoA to adipate (FIG. **9**).

[0124] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA to 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA to 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA (FIG. **11**). Additional substrates and products of such a pathway can include 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproate; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to caprolactam; or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde and 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **11**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism also can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA to 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate to 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate to 6-aminohex-2-enoate; and

6-aminohex-2-enoate to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **11**). Additional substrates and products of such a pathway can include 6-aminocaproate to caprolactam or 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde, and 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **11**).

[0125] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED): 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD); 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED); 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 6-oxohex-4-enoate (6-OHE): 6-oxohex-4-enoate (6-OHE) to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED); 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE); 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE) to 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD); and 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED); 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD); 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) to 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD); and 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA; 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA; 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA; adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED); 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA; 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA; adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde to 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate; 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED); 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD); 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) to adipyl-CoA; adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde; and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**).

[0126] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutamate to glutamyl-CoA; glutamyl-coA to 3-oxo-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxo-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA to 3-hydroxy-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA; 3-hydroxy-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA to 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA; 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 2-aminopimelate; and 2-aminopimelate to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **20**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 2-aminopimelate; and 2-aminopimelate to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from homolysine to 6-aminohexanamide; and 6-aminohexanamide to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **23**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from adipate to adipate semialdehyde; adipate to adipylphospate; and adipylphospate to adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **25**).

[0127] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal; 6-aminohexanal to 6-aminocaproate; 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 2-aminopimelate; and 2-aminopimelate to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **26**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism can further have a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutamate-5-semialdehyde to 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate; 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxo-

subarate; and 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**).A*dditionally*, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP); [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) to 6-aminocaproaic semialdehyde; and 6-aminocaproaic semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP); [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproaic semialdehyde; and 6-aminocaproaic semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde; and 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-acetamidohexanoate; 6-acetamidohexanoate to [(6-acetamidohexanoy)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP); [(6-acetamidohexanoy)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) to 6-acetamidohexanal; 6-acetamidohexanal to 6-acetamidohexanamine; and 6-acetamidohexanamine to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-acetamidohexanoate; 6-acetamidohexanoate to 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA; 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA to 6-acetamidohexanal; 6-acetamidohexanal to 6-acetamidohexanamine; and 6-acetamidohexanamine to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-acetamidohexanoate; 6-acetamidohexanoate to [(6-acetamidohexanoy)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP); [(6-acetamidohexanoy)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) to 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA; 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA to 6-acetamidohexanal; 6-acetamidohexanal to 6-acetamidohexanamine; and 6-acetamidohexanamine to hexamethylenediamine (FIG. **13**).

[0128] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have an hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutamate to glutamyl-CoA; glutamyl-coA to 3-oxo-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxo-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA to 3-hydroxy-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA; 3-hydroxy-6-amino-pimeloyl-CoA to 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA; 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; -amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **20**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate; 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 5-oxopimeloyl phosphonate; 5-oxopimeloyl phosphonate to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate; 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate; 3-oxo-7-amino heptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 5-oxopimeloyl phosphonate; 5-oxopimeloyl phosphonate to 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal; 3-oxo-1-carboxy heptanal to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occur-

ring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 5-aminopimeloyl phosphonate; 5-aminopimeloyl phosphonate to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA; 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-axoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA; 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 5-aminopimeloyl phosphonate; 5-aminopimeloyl phosphonate to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diamino heptanoate; 3,7-diamino heptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 2-aminopimelate; 2-aminopimelate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 2-aminopimelate; 2-aminopimelate to 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate; 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutaryl-CoA to 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate; 3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate; 3-aminopimelate to 2-aminopimelate; 2-aminopimelate to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine; and homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **21**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal to 2-oxo-4-hydroxy 7-aminoheptanoate; 2-oxo-4-hydroxy 7-aminoheptanoate to 2-oxo-7-amino hept-3-enoate; 2-oxo-7-amino hept-3-enoate to 2-oxo-7-amino heptanoate; 2-oxo-7-amino heptanoate to homolysine; andhomolysine to HMDA (FIG. **22**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal to 2-oxo-4-hydroxy 7-aminoheptanoate; 2-oxo-4-hydroxy 7-aminoheptanoate to 2-oxo-7-amino hept-3-enoate; 2-oxo-7-amino hept-3-enoate to 2-oxo-7-amino heptanoate; 2-oxo-7-amino-heptanoate to 6-aminohexanal; and 6-aminohexanal to HMDA (FIG. **22**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde; and 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde to HMDA (FIG. **24**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 6-aminocaproate to 6-acetamidohexanoate; 6-acetamidohexanoate to 6-acetamidohexanal; 6-acetamidohexanal to 6-acetamidohexanamine; 6-acetamidohexanamine to HMDA (FIG. **24**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism alternatively can have a HMDA pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal; 6-aminohexanal to HMDA; 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine; homolysine to HMDA; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate to homolysine; 2-oxo-7-

aminoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal; 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2,7-diaminosubarate; and 2,7-diaminosubarate to homolysine (FIG. **26**). A non-naturally occurring microbial organism can further have a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from glutamate-5-semialdehyde to 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate; 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate; and 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**).

[0129] Additionally, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have a levulinic acid pathway, wherein the microbial organism contains at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide that converts a substrate to a product selected from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to 3-oxoadipyl-CoA; 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to 3-oxoadipate; and 3-oxoadipate to levulinic acid. It is understood that any of the pathways disclosed herein which produce an intermediate of one pathway can be used to produce that intermediate for another pathway, if desired. For example, as disclosed herein, the alpha-ketoadipate to adipate pathway shown in FIG. **9** produces the intermediate adipyl-CoA, which is also an intermediate in the pathway depicted in FIG. **10**. Thus, it is understood that an alternative pathway includes alpha-ketoadipate to adipyl-CoA, which can be converted to adipate, 6-aminocaporate, caprolactam or hexamethylenediamine, as depicted in FIG. **10**. It is understood that any of the pathways disclosed herein that produce a desired intermediate can be used in combination with any other pathways disclosed herein so long as a desired product is produced. For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism disclosed herein, can have at least one nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme and at least one nucleic acid encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme, such as 2-AHD decarboxylase (Step I of FIG. **12**) and 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase (Step E of FIG. **13**), or alternatively 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) decarboxylase (Step F of FIG. **12**), adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase (Step E of FIG. **12**) and 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase (Step J of FIG. **13**), or alternatively 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase (Step D of FIG. **10**), adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase (Step O of FIG. **12**) and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase (Step N of FIG. **13**), or alternatively 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase (Step G of FIG. **20**) and 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase (Step R of FIG. **21**), or alternatively 6-aminocaproate reductase (Step O of FIG. **24**) and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase (Step J of FIG. **11**), or alternatively adipate reductase (Step X of FIG. **25**) and 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase (Step P of FIG. **24**).

[0130] In an additional embodiment, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, wherein the non-naturally occurring microbial organism comprises at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an enzyme or protein that converts a substrate to a product selected from any of the substrates or products disclosed herein or shown in any of FIGS. **1-14** and **20-27**. One skilled in the art will understand that any of the substrate-product pairs disclosed herein suitable to produce a desired product and for which an appropriate activity is available for the conversion of the substrate to the product can be readily determined by one skilled in the art based on the teachings herein. Thus, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism containing at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an enzyme or protein, where the enzyme or protein converts the substrates and products of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, such as any of those shown in FIGS. **1-14** and **20-27**.

[0131] While generally described herein as a microbial organism that contains a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, it is understood that the invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce an intermediate of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway. For example, as disclosed herein, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway are exemplified in FIGS. **1-14** and **20-27**. Therefore, in addition to a microbial organism containing a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway that produces 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, the invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme, where the microbial organism produces a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate, for example, any of the intermediates shown in FIGS. **1-14** and **20-27**.

[0132] It is understood that any of the pathways disclosed herein, including those as described in the Examples and exemplified in the Figures, including the pathways of FIGS. **1-14** and **20-27**, can be utilized to generate a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that produces any pathway intermediate or product, as desired. As disclosed herein, such a microbial organism that produces an intermediate can be used in combination with another microbial organism expressing downstream pathway enzymes to produce a desired product. However, it is understood that a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that produces a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate can be utilized to produce the intermediate as a desired product.

[0133] The invention is described herein with general reference to the metabolic reaction, reactant or product thereof, or with specific reference to one or more nucleic acids or genes encoding an enzyme associated with or catalyzing the referenced metabolic reaction, reactant or product. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, those skilled in the art will understand that reference to a reaction also constitutes reference to the reactants and products of the reaction. Similarly, unless otherwise expressly stated herein, reference to a reactant or product also references the reaction, and reference to any of these metabolic constituents also references the gene or genes encoding the enzymes that catalyze the referenced reaction, reactant or product. Likewise, given the well known fields of metabolic biochemistry, enzymology and genomics, reference herein to a gene or encoding nucleic acid also constitutes a reference to the corresponding encoded enzyme and the reaction it catalyzes as well as the reactants and products of the reaction.

[0134] The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can be produced by introducing expressible

nucleic acids encoding one or more of the enzymes participating in one or more 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathways. Depending on the host microbial organism chosen for biosynthesis, nucleic acids for some or all of a particular 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway can be expressed. For example, if a chosen host is deficient in one or more enzymes for a desired biosynthetic pathway, then expressible nucleic acids for the deficient enzyme(s) are introduced into the host for subsequent exogenous expression. Alternatively, if the chosen host exhibits endogenous expression of some pathway genes, but is deficient in others, then an encoding nucleic acid is needed for the deficient enzyme(s) to achieve 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis. Thus, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention can be produced by introducing exogenous enzyme activities to obtain a desired biosynthetic pathway or a desired biosynthetic pathway can be obtained by introducing one or more exogenous enzyme activities that, together with one or more endogenous enzymes, produces a desired product such as 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0135] Depending on the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway constituents of a selected host microbial organism, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention will include at least one exogenously expressed 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway-encoding nucleic acid and up to all encoding nucleic acids for one or more adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam biosynthetic pathways. For example, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis can be established in a host deficient in a pathway enzyme through exogenous expression of the corresponding encoding nucleic acid. In a host deficient in all enzymes of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, exogenous expression of all enzymes in the pathway can be included, although it is understood that all enzymes of a pathway can be expressed even if the host contains at least one of the pathway enzymes.

[0136] For example, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of adipate can be included in a host organism, such as succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA synthetase or phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase or adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. In particular, a host organism can contain the adipate pathway enzymes succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA synthetase. Alternatively, a host organism can contain the adipate pathway enzymes succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase. In addition, a host organism can contain the adipate pathway enzymes succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase. Further, a host organism can contain the adipate pathway enzymes succinyl-CoA: acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA hydrolase.

[0137] In the case of a 6-aminocaproic acid producing microbial organism, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of 6-aminocaproic acid can be included in a host organism, such as CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and transaminase or CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase. For a caprolactam producing microbial organism, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of caprolactam can be included in a host organism, such as CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase, transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase, and amidohydrolase.In another example, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) can be included in a host organism, such as an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD decarboxylase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED decarboxylase; a 6-OHE reductase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED aminotransferase or an OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); a 2-AHE reductase; and a 2-AHD decarboxylase, or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 2-AHD decarboxylase, or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an HODH formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or an HODH dehydrogenase; a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), or alternatively an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or a 2-OHD dehydrogenase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In a further aspect, all of the 6-ACA pathway described above can include a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase.In another example, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) can be included in a host organism, such as a glutamyl-CoA transferase or glutamyl-CoA ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotrans-

ferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase.

[0138] In another example, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of hexamethylenediamine can be included in a host organism, such as a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase, or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP acyltransferase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase, or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase, or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide). In another example, exogenous expression of all enzymes in a pathway for production of hexamethylenediamine can be included in a host organism, such as a glutamyl-CoA transferase or ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase or a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a

3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate kinase; a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase or a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase, or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate reductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), or alternatively a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).

[0139] Depending on the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway constituents of a selected host microbial organism, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention will include at least one exogenously expressed 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway-encoding nucleic acid and up to all encoding nucleic acids for one or more 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathways. For example, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis can be established in a host deficient in a pathway enzyme or protein through exogenous expression of the corresponding encoding nucleic acid. In a host deficient in all enzymes or proteins of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, exogenous expression of all enzyme or proteins in the pathway can be included, although it is understood that all enzymes or proteins of a pathway can be expressed even if the host contains at least one of the pathway enzymes or proteins. For example, exogenous expression of all enzymes or proteins in a pathway for production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be included, as disclosed herein.

[0140] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that the number of encoding nucleic acids to introduce in an expressible form will, at least, parallel the adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway deficiencies of the selected host microbial organism. Therefore, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention can have at least one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven or twelve, up to all nucleic acids encoding the above enzymes constituting a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway. In some embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms also can include other genetic modifications that facilitate or optimize 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis or that confer other useful functions onto the host microbial organism. One such other functionality can include, for example, augmentation of the synthesis of one or more of the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway precursors such as succinyl-CoA and/or acetyl-CoA in the case of adipate synthesis, or adipyl-CoA or adipate in the case of 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam synthesis, including the adipate pathway enzymes disclosed herein, or pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde, glutamate, glutaryl-CoA, homolysine or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate in the case of 6-aminocaprioate synthesis, or 6-aminocaproate, glutamate, glutaryl-CoA, pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal, or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate in the case of hexamethylenediamine synthesis.

[0141] Generally, a host microbial organism is selected such that it produces the precursor of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, either as a naturally produced molecule or as an engineered product that either provides de novo production of a desired precursor or increased production of a precursor naturally produced by the host microbial organism. A host organism can be engineered to increase production of a precursor, as disclosed herein. In addition, a microbial organism that has been engineered to produce a desired precursor can be used as a host organism and further engineered to express enzymes or proteins of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway.

[0142] In some embodiments, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention is generated from a host that contains the enzymatic capability to synthesize 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. In this specific embodiment it can be useful to

increase the synthesis or accumulation of a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway product to, for example, drive 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway reactions toward 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid production. Increased synthesis or accumulation can be accomplished by, for example, overexpression of nucleic acids encoding one or more of the above-described 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzymes. Over expression of the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme or enzymes can occur, for example, through exogenous expression of the endogenous gene or genes, or through exogenous expression of the heterologous gene or genes. Therefore, naturally occurring organisms can be readily generated to be non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention, for example, producing 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, through overexpression of at least one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, that is, up to all nucleic acids encoding 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway enzymes. In addition, a non-naturally occurring organism can be generated by mutagenesis of an endogenous gene that results in an increase in activity of an enzyme in the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway.

[0143] In particularly useful embodiments, exogenous expression of the encoding nucleic acids is employed. Exogenous expression confers the ability to custom tailor the expression and/or regulatory elements to the host and application to achieve a desired expression level that is controlled by the user. However, endogenous expression also can be utilized in other embodiments such as by removing a negative regulatory effector or induction of the gene's promoter when linked to an inducible promoter or other regulatory element. Thus, an endogenous gene having a naturally occurring inducible promoter can be up-regulated by providing the appropriate inducing agent, or the regulatory region of an endogenous gene can be engineered to incorporate an inducible regulatory element, thereby allowing the regulation of increased expression of an endogenous gene at a desired time. Similarly, an inducible promoter can be included as a regulatory element for an exogenous gene introduced into a non-naturally occurring microbial organism.

[0144] The invention additionally provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that includes one or more gene disruptions, such as the gene disruptions disclosed in Example XXX and Tables 14-16, where the organism produces a 6-ACA, adipate and/or HMDA. The disruptions occur in genes encoding an enzyme that couples production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA to growth of the organism when the gene disruption reduces the activity of the enzyme, such that the gene disruptions confer increased production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA onto the non-naturally occurring organism. Thus, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising one or more gene disruptions, the one or more gene disruptions occurring in genes encoding proteins or enzymes wherein the one or more gene disruptions confer increased production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA in the organism. As disclosed herein, such an organism contains a pathway for production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA, in addition to the gene disruptions, such as those exemplified in Example XXX and Tables 14-16.

[0145] It is understood that, in methods of the invention, any of the one or more exogenous nucleic acids can be introduced into a microbial organism to produce a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention. The nucleic acids can be introduced so as to confer, for example, a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway onto the microbial organism. Alternatively, encoding nucleic acids can be introduced to produce an intermediate microbial organism having the biosynthetic capability to catalyze some of the required reactions to confer 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic capability. For example, a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway can comprise at least two exogenous nucleic acids encoding desired enzymes. In the case of adipate production, at least two exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase and 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, or succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, or 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA and 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, or 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA and adipyl-CoA synthetase, and the like. In the case of caprolactam production, at least two exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and transaminase, or CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and amidohydrolase, or transaminase and amidohydrolase. In the case of 6-aminocaproic acid production, at least two exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of an 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) aldolase and a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase, or a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase and a 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) decarboxylase, a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase and a adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase, a glutamyl-CoA transferase and a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, or a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase and a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase. In the case of hexamethylenediamine production, at least two exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of 6-aminocaproate kinase and [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) oxidoreductase, or a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase and an [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) oxidoreductase, 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase and 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase and a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase and a homolysine decarboxylase. Thus, it is understood that any combination of two or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention.

[0146] Similarly, it is understood that any combination of three or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention, for example, in the case of adipate production, the combination of enzymes succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; or succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase and 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase; or succinyl-CoA:

acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase and adipyl-CoA synthetase; or 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase and adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase, and so forth, as desired, so long as the combination of enzymes of the desired biosynthetic pathway results in production of the corresponding desired product. In the case of 6-aminocaproic acid production, the at least three exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of an 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) aldolase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase and a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) decarboxylase, or a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase, a 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE) reductase and a 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) decarboxylase, or a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase and a adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase, or a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, or a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-aminating oxidoreductase and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, or a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, a 5-carboxy-2-pentenoate reductase and a adipate reductase. In the case of hexamethylenediamine production, at least three exogenous nucleic acids can encode the enzymes such as the combination of 6-aminocaproate kinase, [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy] phosphonate (6-AHOP) oxidoreductase and 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, or a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase and an [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) oxidoreductase, or 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) acyltransferase and 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, or a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase and a homolysine decarboxylase, or a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase and a homolysine decarboxylase, or a 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase, a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase. Similarly, any combination of four or more enzymes of a biosynthetic pathway as disclosed herein can be included in a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of the invention, as desired, so long as the combination of enzymes of the desired biosynthetic pathway results in production of the corresponding desired product.

[0147] In addition to the biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid as described herein, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention also can be utilized in various combinations with each other and with other microbial organisms and methods well known in the art to achieve product biosynthesis by other routes. For example, one alternative to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid other than use of the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producers is through addition of another microbial organism capable of converting an adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam pathway intermediate to 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. One such procedure includes, for example, the fermentation of a microbial organism that produces a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate. The 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate can then be used as a substrate for a second microbial organism that converts the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate to 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. The 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate can be added directly to another culture of the second organism or the original culture of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway intermediate producers can be depleted of these microbial organisms by, for example, cell separation, and then subsequent addition of the second organism to the fermentation broth can be utilized to produce the final product without intermediate purification steps.

[0148] In other embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention can be assembled in a wide variety of subpathways to achieve biosynthesis of, for example, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. In these embodiments, biosynthetic pathways for a desired product of the invention can be segregated into different microbial organisms, and the different microbial organisms can be co-cultured to produce the final product. In such a biosynthetic scheme, the product of one microbial organism is the substrate for a second microbial organism until the final product is synthesized. For example, the biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be accomplished by constructing a microbial organism that contains biosynthetic pathways for conversion of one pathway intermediate to another pathway intermediate or the product. Alternatively, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid also can be biosynthetically produced from microbial organisms through co-culture or co-fermentation using two organisms in the same vessel, where the first microbial organism produces a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid intermediate and the second microbial organism converts the intermediate to 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0149] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that a wide variety of combinations and permutations exist for the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms and methods of the invention together with other microbial organisms, with the co-culture of other non-naturally occurring microbial organisms having subpathways and with combinations of other chemical and/or biochemical procedures well known in the art to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0150] Similarly, it is understood by those skilled in the art that a host organism can be selected based on desired characteristics for introduction of one or more gene disruptions to increase production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. Thus, it is understood that, if a genetic modification is to be introduced into a host organism to disrupt a gene, any homologs, orthologs or paralogs that catalyze similar, yet non-identical metabolic reactions can similarly be disrupted to ensure that a desired metabolic reaction is sufficiently disrupted. Because certain differences exist among metabolic networks between different organisms, those skilled in the art will understand that the actual genes disrupted in a given organism may differ between organisms. However, given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art also will under-

stand that the methods of the invention can be applied to any suitable host microorganism to identify the cognate metabolic alterations needed to construct an organism in a species of interest that will increase 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis. In a particular embodiment, the increased production couples biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid to growth of the organism, and can obligatorily couple production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid to growth of the organism if desired and as disclosed herein.

[0151] Sources of encoding nucleic acids for a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme can include, for example, any species where the encoded gene product is capable of catalyzing the referenced reaction. Such species include both prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms including, but not limited to, bacteria, including archaea and eubacteria, and eukaryotes, including yeast, plant, insect, animal, and mammal, including human. Exemplary species for such sources include, for example, *Escherichia coli, Escherichia coli* str. K12, *Escherichia coli* C, *Escherichia coli* W, *Pseudomonas* sp, *Pseudomonas knackmussii, Pseudomonas* sp. Strain B13, *Pseudomonas putida, Pseudomonas fluorescens, Pseudomonas stutzeri, Pseudomonas mendocina, Rhodopseudomonas palustris, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Vibrio cholera, Heliobacter pylori, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Serratia proteamaculans, Streptomyces* sp. 2065, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1, *Ralstonia eutropha, Ralstonia eutropha* H16, *Clostridium acetobutylicum, Euglena gracilis, Treponema denticola, Clostridium kluyveri, Homo sapiens, Rattus norvegicus, Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1, *Acinetobacter* sp. Strain M-1, *Streptomyces coelicolor, Eubacterium barkeri, Peptostreptococcus asaccharolyticus, Clostridium botulinum, Clostridium botulinum* A3 str, *Clostridium tyrobutyricum, Clostridium pasteurianum, Clostridium thermoaceticum* (*Moorella thermoaceticum*), *Moorella thermoacetica Acinetobacter calcoaceticus, Mus musculus, Sus scrofa, Flavobacterium* sp, *Arthrobacter aurescens, Penicillium chrysogenum, Aspergillus niger, Aspergillus nidulans, Bacillus subtilis, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Zymomonas mobilis, Mannheimia succiniciproducens, Clostridium ljungdahlii, Clostridium carboxydivorans, Geobacillus stearothermophilus, Agrobacterium tumefaciens, Achromobacter denitrificans, Arabidopsis thaliana, Haemophilus influenzae, Acidaminococcus fermentans, Clostridium* sp. M62/1, *Fusobacterium nucleatum, Bos taurus, Zoogloea ramigera, Rhodobacter sphaeroides, Clostridium beijerinckii, Metallosphaera sedula, Thermoanaerobacter species, Thermoanaerobacter brockii, Acinetobacter baylyi, Porphyromonas gingivalis, Leuconostoc mesenteroides, Sulfolobus tokodaii, Sulfolobus tokodaii* 7, *Sulfolobus solfataricus, Sulfolobus solfataricus, Sulfolobus acidocaldarius, Salmonella typhimurium, Salmonella enterica, Thermotoga maritima, Halobacterium salinarum, Bacillus cereus, Clostridium difficile, Alkaliphilus metalliredigenes, Thermoanaerobacter tengcongensis, Saccharomyces kluyveri, Helicobacter pylori, Corynebacterium glutamicum, Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum, Pseudomonas chlororaphis, Streptomyces clavuligerus, Campylobacter jejuni, Thermus thermophilus, Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum, Bacteroides capillosus, Anaerotruncus colihominis, Natranaerobius thermophilius, Archaeoglobus fulgidus, Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304, *Haloarcula marismortui, Pyrobaculum aerophilum, Pyrobaculum aerophilum* str. IM2, *Nicotiana tabacum, Menthe piperita, Pinus taeda, Hordeum vulgare, Zea mays, Rhodococcus opacus, Cupriavidus necator, Bradyrhizobium japonicum, Bradyrhizobium japonicum* USDA110, *Ascarius suum*, butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50, *Bacillus megaterium*, Methanococcus maripaludis, Methanosarcina mazei, Methanosarcina mazei, Methanocarcina barkeri, Methanocaldococcus jannaschii, Caenorhabditis elegans, Leishmania major, Methylomicrobium alcaliphilum 20Z, *Chromohalobacter salexigens, Archaeglubus fulgidus, Chlamydomonas reinhardtii, trichomonas vaginalis* G3, *Trypanosoma brucei, Mycoplana ramose, Micrococcus luteas, Acetobacter pasteurians, Kluyveromyces lactis, Mesorhizobium loti, Lactococcus lactis, Lysinibacillus sphaericus, Candida boidinii, Candida albicans* SC5314, *Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD, *Ascaris suun, Acinetobacter baumanii, Acinetobacter calcoaceticus, Burkholderia phymatum, Candida albicans, Clostridium subterminale, Cupriavidus taiwanensis, Flavobacterium lutescens, Lachancea kluyveri, Lactobacillus* sp. 30a, *Leptospira interrogans, Moorella thermoacetica, Myxococcus xanthus, Nicotiana glutinosa, Nocardia iowensis* (sp. NRRL 5646), *Pseudomonas reinekei* MT1, *Ralstonia eutropha* JMP134, *Ralstonia metallidurans, Rhodococcus jostii, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Selenomonas ruminantium, Streptomyces clavuligenus, Syntrophus aciditrophicus, Vibrio parahaemolyticus, Vibrio vulnificus*, as well as other exemplary species disclosed herein or available as source organisms for corresponding genes (see Examples). However, with the complete genome sequence available for now more than 550 species (with more than half of these available on public databases such as the NCBI), including 395 microorganism genomes and a variety of yeast, fungi, plant, and mammalian genomes, the identification of genes encoding the requisite 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic activity for one or more genes in related or distant species, including for example, homologues, orthologs, paralogs and nonorthologous gene displacements of known genes, and the interchange of genetic alterations between organisms is routine and well known in the art. Accordingly, the metabolic alterations enabling biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid described herein with reference to a particular organism such as *E. coli* can be readily applied to other microorganisms, including prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms alike. Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will know that a metabolic alteration exemplified in one organism can be applied equally to other organisms.

[0152] In some instances, such as when a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway exists in an unrelated species, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis can be conferred onto the host species by, for example, exogenous expression of a paralog or paralogs from the unrelated species that catalyzes a similar, yet non-identical metabolic reaction to replace the referenced reaction. Because certain differences among metabolic networks exist between different organisms, those skilled in the art will understand that the actual gene usage between different organisms may differ. However, given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art also will understand that the teachings and methods of the invention can be applied to all microbial organisms using the cognate metabolic alterations to those exemplified herein to construct

a microbial organism in a species of interest that will synthesize 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0153] Host microbial organisms can be selected from, and the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms generated in, for example, bacteria, yeast, fungus or any of a variety of other microorganisms applicable to fermentation processes. Exemplary bacteria include species selected from *Escherichia coli, Klebsiella oxytoca, Anaerobiospirillum succiniciproducens, Actinobacillus succinogenes, Mannheimia succiniciproducens, Rhizobium etli, Bacillus subtilis, Corynebacterium glutamicum, Gluconobacter oxydans, Zymomonas mobilis, Lactococcus lactis, Lactobacillus plantarum, Streptomyces coelicolor, Clostridium acetobutylicum, Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Pseudomonas putida*. Exemplary yeasts or fungi include species selected from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Kluyveromyces lactis, Kluyveromyces marxianus, Aspergillus terreus, Aspergillus niger, Pichia pastoris, Rhizopus arrhizus, Rhizobus oryzae*, and the like. For example, *E. coli* is a particularly useful host organisms since it is a well characterized microbial organism suitable for genetic engineering. Other particularly useful host organisms include yeast such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. It is understood that any suitable microbial host organism can be used to introduce metoblic and/or genetic modifications to produce a desired product.

[0154] Methods for constructing and testing the expression levels of a non-naturally occurring 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid -producing host can be performed, for example, by recombinant and detection methods well known in the art. Such methods can be found described in, for example, Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Third Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York (2001); and Ausubel et al., *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, John Wiley and Sons, Baltimore, Md. (1999).

[0155] Exogenous nucleic acid sequences involved in a pathway for production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be introduced stably or transiently into a host cell using techniques well known in the art including, but not limited to, conjugation, electroporation, chemical transformation, transduction, transfection, and ultrasound transformation. For exogenous expression in *E. coli* or other prokaryotic cells, some nucleic acid sequences in the genes or cDNAs of eukaryotic nucleic acids can encode targeting signals such as an N-terminal mitochondrial or other targeting signal, which can be removed before transformation into prokaryotic host cells, if desired. For example, removal of a mitochondrial leader sequence led to increased expression in *E. coli* (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005). For exogenous expression in yeast or other eukaryotic cells, genes can be expressed in the cytosol without the addition of leader sequence, or can be targeted to mitochondrion or other organelles, or targeted for secretion, by the addition of a suitable targeting sequence such as a mitochondrial targeting or secretion signal suitable for the host cells. Thus, it is understood that appropriate modifications to a nucleic acid sequence to remove or include a targeting sequence can be incorporated into an exogenous nucleic acid sequence to impart desirable properties. Furthermore, genes can be subjected to codon optimization with techniques well known in the art to achieve optimized expression of the proteins.

[0156] An expression vector or vectors can be constructed to include one or more 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathway encoding nucleic acids as exemplified herein operably linked to expression control sequences functional in the host organism. Expression vectors applicable for use in the microbial host organisms of the invention include, for example, plasmids, phage vectors, viral vectors, episomes and artificial chromosomes, including vectors and selection sequences or markers operable for stable integration into a host chromosome. Additionally, the expression vectors can include one or more selectable marker genes and appropriate expression control sequences. Selectable marker genes also can be included that, for example, provide resistance to antibiotics or toxins, complement auxotrophic deficiencies, or supply critical nutrients not in the culture media. Expression control sequences can include constitutive and inducible promoters, transcription enhancers, transcription terminators, and the like which are well known in the art. When two or more exogenous encoding nucleic acids are to be co-expressed, both nucleic acids can be inserted, for example, into a single expression vector or in separate expression vectors. For single vector expression, the encoding nucleic acids can be operationally linked to one common expression control sequence or linked to different expression control sequences, such as one inducible promoter and one constitutive promoter. The transformation of exogenous nucleic acid sequences involved in a metabolic or synthetic pathway can be confirmed using methods well known in the art. Such methods include, for example, nucleic acid analysis such as Northern blots or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification of mRNA, or immunoblotting for expression of gene products, or other suitable analytical methods to test the expression of an introduced nucleic acid sequence or its corresponding gene product. It is understood by those skilled in the art that the exogenous nucleic acid is expressed in a sufficient amount to produce the desired product, and it is further understood that expression levels can be optimized to obtain sufficient expression using methods well known in the art and as disclosed herein.

[0157] Directed evolution is one approach that involves the introduction of mutations targeted to a specific gene in order to improve and/or alter the properties of an enzyme. Improved and/or altered enzymes can be identified through implementation screening assays that allow for the identification of useful variants. Particularly useful screening methods include sensitive high-throughput assays that allow the automated screening of many enzyme variants (e.g., $>10^4$). Iterative rounds of mutagenesis and screening typically are performed to identify an enzyme with optimized properties. The greater the number of variants screened, the higher the probability of identifying an ideally suitable variant. Computational algorithms that can help to identify areas of the gene for mutagenesis also have been developed and can significantly reduce the number of enzyme variants that need to be generated and screened.

[0158] Numerous directed evolution technologies have been developed (for reviews, see Hibbert et al., *Biomol.Eng* 22:11-19 (2005); Huisman and Lalonde, In Biocatalysis in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries pgs. 717-742 (2007), Patel (ed.), CRC Press; Otten and Quax. *Biomol. Eng* 22:1-9 (2005).; and Sen et al., *Appl Biochem. Biotechnol* 143:212-223 (2007)) to be effective at creating diverse vari-

ant libraries and these methods have been successfully applied to the improvement of a wide range of properties across many enzyme classes.

[0159] Enzyme characteristics that have been improved and/or altered by directed evolution technologies include, for example, selectivity/specificity—for conversion of non-natural substrates; temperature stability—for robust high temperature processing; pH stability—for bioproces sing under lower or higher pH conditions; substrate or product tolerance—so that high product titers can be achieved; binding (K_m)—broadens substrate binding to include non-natural substrates; inhibition (K_i)—to remove inhibition by products, substrates, or key intermediates; activity (kcat)—increases enzymatic reaction rates to achieve desired flux; expression levels—increases protein yields and overall pathway flux; oxygen stability—for operation of air sensitive enzymes under aerobic conditions; and anaerobic activity—for operation of an aerobic enzyme in the absence of oxygen.

[0160] The following exemplary methods have been developed for the mutagenesis and diversification of genes to target desired properties of specific enzymes. Any of these can be used to alter/optimize activity of a decarboxylase enzyme.

[0161] EpPCR (Pritchard et al., *J Theor. Biol* 234:497-509 (2005)) introduces random point mutations by reducing the fidelity of DNA polymerase in PCR reactions by the addition of Mn^{2+} ions, by biasing dNTP concentrations, or by other conditional variations. The five step cloning process to confine the mutagenesis to the target gene of interest involves: 1) error-prone PCR amplification of the gene of interest; 2) restriction enzyme digestion; 3) gel purification of the desired DNA fragment; 4) ligation into a vector; 5) transformation of the gene variants into a suitable host and screening of the library for improved performance. This method can generate multiple mutations in a single gene simultaneously, which can be useful. A high number of mutants can be generated by EpPCR, so a high-throughput screening assay or a selection method (especially using robotics) is useful to identify those with desirable characteristics.

[0162] Error-prone Rolling Circle Amplification (epRCA) (Fujii et al., *Nucleic Acids Res* 32:e145 (2004); and Fujii et al., *Nat. Protoc.* 1:2493-2497 (2006)) has many of the same elements as epPCR except a whole circular plasmid is used as the template and random 6-mers with exonuclease resistant thiophosphate linkages on the last 2 nucleotides are used to amplify the plasmid followed by transformation into cells in which the plasmid is re-circularized at tandem repeats. Adjusting the Mn^{2+} concentration can vary the mutation rate somewhat. This technique uses a simple error-prone, single-step method to create a full copy of the plasmid with 3-4 mutations/kbp. No restriction enzyme digestion or specific primers are required. Additionally, this method is typically available as a kit.

[0163] DNA or Family Shuffling (Stemmer, *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 91:10747-10751 (1994); and Stemmer, *Nature* 370:389-391 (1994)) typically involves digestion of two or more variant genes with nucleases such as Dnase I or EndoV to generate a pool of random fragments that are reassembled by cycles of annealing and extension in the presence of DNA polymerase to create a library of chimeric genes. Fragments prime each other and recombination occurs when one copy primes another copy (template switch). This method can be used with >lkbp DNA sequences. In addition to mutational recombinants created by fragment reassembly, this method introduces point mutations in the extension steps at a rate similar to error-prone PCR. The method can be used to remove deleterious, random and neutral mutations that might confer antigenicity.

[0164] Staggered Extension (StEP) (Zhao et al., *Nat. Biotechnol* 16:258-261 (1998)) entails template priming followed by repeated cycles of 2 step PCR with denaturation and very short duration of annealing/extension (as short as 5 sec). Growing fragments anneal to different templates and extend further, which is repeated until full-length sequences are made. Template switching means most resulting fragments have multiple parents. Combinations of low-fidelity polymerases (Taq and Mutazyme) reduce error-prone biases because of opposite mutational spectra.

[0165] In Random Priming Recombination (RPR) random sequence primers are used to generate many short DNA fragments complementary to different segments of the template. (Shao et al., *Nucleic Acids Res* 26:681-683 (1998)) Base misincorporation and mispriming via epPCR give point mutations. Short DNA fragments prime one another based on homology and are recombined and reassembled into full-length by repeated thermocycling. Removal of templates prior to this step assures low parental recombinants. This method, like most others, can be performed over multiple iterations to evolve distinct properties. This technology avoids sequence bias, is independent of gene length, and requires very little parent DNA for the application.

[0166] In Heteroduplex Recombination linearized plasmid DNA is used to form heteroduplexes that are repaired by mismatch repair. (Volkov et al, *Nucleic Acids Res* 27:e18 (1999); and Volkov et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 328:456-463 (2000)) The mismatch repair step is at least somewhat mutagenic. Heteroduplexes transform more efficiently than linear homoduplexes. This method is suitable for large genes and whole operons.

[0167] Random Chimeragenesis on Transient Templates (RACHITT) (Coco et al., *Nat. Biotechnol* 19:354-359 (2001)) employs Dnase I fragmentation and size fractionation of ssDNA. Homologous fragments are hybridized in the absence of polymerase to a complementary ssDNA scaffold. Any overlapping unhybridized fragment ends are trimmed down by an exonuclease. Gaps between fragments are filled in, and then ligated to give a pool of full-length diverse strands hybridized to the scaffold (that contains U to preclude amplification). The scaffold then is destroyed and is replaced by a new strand complementary to the diverse strand by PCR amplification. The method involves one strand (scaffold) that is from only one parent while the priming fragments derive from other genes; the parent scaffold is selected against. Thus, no reannealing with parental fragments occurs. Overlapping fragments are trimmed with an exonuclease. Otherwise, this is conceptually similar to DNA shuffling and StEP. Therefore, there should be no siblings, few inactives, and no unshuffled parentals. This technique has advantages in that few or no parental genes are created and many more crossovers can result relative to standard DNA shuffling.

[0168] Recombined Extension on Truncated templates (RETT) entails template switching of unidirectionally growing strands from primers in the presence of unidirectional ssDNA fragments used as a pool of templates. (Lee et al., *J. Molec. Catalysis* 26:119-129 (2003)) No DNA endonucleases are used. Unidirectional ssDNA is made by DNA polymerase with random primers or serial deletion with exonuclease. Unidirectional ssDNA are only templates and not primers. Random priming and exonucleases don't introduce

sequence bias as true of enzymatic cleavage of DNA shuffling/RACHITT. RETT can be easier to optimize than StEP because it uses normal PCR conditions instead of very short extensions. Recombination occurs as a component of the PCR steps—no direct shuffling. This method can also be more random than StEP due to the absence of pauses.

[0169] In Degenerate Oligonucleotide Gene Shuffling (DOGS) degenerate primers are used to control recombination between molecules; (Bergquist and Gibbs, *Methods Mol. Biol.* 352:191-204 (2007); Bergquist et al., *Biomol. Eng* 22:63-72 (2005); Gibbs et al., *Gene* 271:13-20 (2001)) this can be used to control the tendency of other methods such as DNA shuffling to regenerate parental genes. This method can be combined with random mutagenesis (epPCR) of selected gene segments. This can be a good method to block the reformation of parental sequences. No endonucleases are needed. By adjusting input concentrations of segments made, one can bias towards a desired backbone. This method allows DNA shuffling from unrelated parents without restriction enzyme digests and allows a choice of random mutagenesis methods.

[0170] Incremental Truncation for the Creation of Hybrid Enzymes (ITCHY) creates a combinatorial library with 1 base pair deletions of a gene or gene fragment of interest. (Ostermeier et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 96:3562-3567 (1999); and Ostermeier et al., *Nat. Biotechnol* 17:1205-1209 (1999)) Truncations are introduced in opposite direction on pieces of 2 different genes. These are ligated together and the fusions are cloned. This technique does not require homology between the 2 parental genes. When ITCHY is combined with DNA shuffling, the system is called SCRATCHY (see below). A major advantage of both is no need for homology between parental genes; for example, functional fusions between an *E. coli* and a human gene were created via ITCHY. When ITCHY libraries are made, all possible crossovers are captured.

[0171] Thio-Incremental Truncation for the Creation of Hybrid Enzymes (THIO-ITCHY) is similar to ITCHY except that phosphothioate dNTPs are used to generate truncations. (Lutz et al., *Nucleic Acids Res* 29:E16 (2001)) Relative to ITCHY, THIO-ITCHY can be easier to optimize, provide more reproducibility, and adjustability.

[0172] SCRATCHY combines two methods for recombining genes, ITCHY and DNA shuffling. (Lutz et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 98:11248-11253 (2001)) SCRATCHY combines the best features of ITCHY and DNA shuffling. First, ITCHY is used to create a comprehensive set of fusions between fragments of genes in a DNA homology-independent fashion. This artificial family is then subjected to a DNA-shuffling step to augment the number of crossovers. Computational predictions can be used in optimization. SCRATCHY is more effective than DNA shuffling when sequence identity is below 80%.

[0173] In Random Drift Mutagenesis (RNDM) mutations made via epPCR followed by screening/selection for those retaining usable activity. (Bergquist et al., *Biomol.Eng* 22:63-72 (2005)) Then, these are used in DOGS to generate recombinants with fusions between multiple active mutants or between active mutants and some other desirable parent. Designed to promote isolation of neutral mutations; its purpose is to screen for retained catalytic activity whether or not this activity is higher or lower than in the original gene. RNDM is usable in high throughput assays when screening is capable of detecting activity above background. RNDM has been used as a front end to DOGS in generating diversity. The technique imposes a requirement for activity prior to shuffling or other subsequent steps; neutral drift libraries are indicated to result in higher/quicker improvements in activity from smaller libraries. Though published using epPCR, this could be applied to other large-scale mutagenesis methods.

[0174] Sequence Saturation Mutagenesis (SeSaM) is a random mutagenesis method that: 1) generates pool of random length fragments using random incorporation of a phosphothioate nucleotide and cleavage; this pool is used as a template to 2) extend in the presence of "universal" bases such as inosine; 3) replication of a inosine-containing complement gives random base incorporation and, consequently, mutagenesis. (Wong et al., *Biotechnol J* 3:74-82 (2008); Wong et al., *Nucleic Acids Res* 32:e26 (2004); and Wong et al., *Anal.Biochem.* 341:187-189 (2005)) Using this technique it can be possible to generate a large library of mutants within 2-3 days using simple methods. This technique is non-directed in comparison to the mutational bias of DNA polymerases. Differences in this approach makes this technique complementary (or an alternative) to epPCR.

[0175] In Synthetic Shuffling, overlapping oligonucleotides are designed to encode "all genetic diversity in targets" and allow a very high diversity for the shuffled progeny. (Ness et al., Nat. Biotechnol 20:1251-1255 (2002)) In this technique, one can design the fragments to be shuffled. This aids in increasing the resulting diversity of the progeny. One can design sequence/codon biases to make more distantly related sequences recombine at rates approaching those observed with more closely related sequences. Additionally, the technique does not require physically possessing the template genes.

[0176] Nucleotide Exchange and Excision Technology NexT exploits a combination of dUTP incorporation followed by treatment with uracil DNA glycosylase and then piperidine to perform endpoint DNA fragmentation. (Muller et al., *Nucleic Acids Res* 33:e117 (2005)) The gene is reassembled using internal PCR primer extension with proofreading polymerase. The sizes for shuffling are directly controllable using varying dUPT::dTTP ratios. This is an end point reaction using simple methods for uracil incorporation and cleavage. Other nucleotide analogs, such as 8-oxo-guanine, can be used with this method. Additionally, the technique works well with very short fragments (86 bp) and has a low error rate. The chemical cleavage of DNA used in this technique results in very few unshuffled clones.

[0177] In Sequence Homology-Independent Protein Recombination (SHIPREC) a linker is used to facilitate fusion between two distantly/unrelated genes. Nuclease treatment is used to generate a range of chimeras between the two genes. These fusions result in libraries of single-crossover hybrids. (Sieber et al., *Nat. Biotechnol* 19:456-460 (2001)) This produces a limited type of shuffling and a separate process is required for mutagenesis. In addition, since no homology is needed this technique can create a library of chimeras with varying fractions of each of the two unrelated parent genes. SHIPREC was tested with a heme-binding domain of a bacterial CP450 fused to N-terminal regions of a mammalian CP450; this produced mammalian activity in a more soluble enzyme.

[0178] In Gene Site Saturation Mutagenesis™ (GSSM™) the starting materials are a supercoiled dsDNA plasmid containing an insert and two primers which are degenerate at the desired site of mutations. (Kretz et al., Methods Enzymol.

388:3-11 (2004)) Primers carrying the mutation of interest, anneal to the same sequence on opposite strands of DNA. The mutation is typically in the middle of the primer and flanked on each side by ~20 nucleotides of correct sequence. The sequence in the primer is NNN or NNK (coding) and MNN (noncoding) (N=all 4, K=G, T, M=A, C). After extension, DpnI is used to digest dam-methylated DNA to eliminate the wild-type template. This technique explores all possible amino acid substitutions at a given locus (i.e., one codon). The technique facilitates the generation of all possible replacements at a single-site with no nonsense codons and results in equal to near-equal representation of most possible alleles. This technique does not require prior knowledge of the structure, mechanism, or domains of the target enzyme. If followed by shuffling or Gene Reassembly, this technology creates a diverse library of recombinants containing all possible combinations of single-site up-mutations. The utility of this technology combination has been demonstrated for the successful evolution of over 50 different enzymes, and also for more than one property in a given enzyme.

[0179] Combinatorial Cassette Mutagenesis (CCM) involves the use of short oligonucleotide cassettes to replace limited regions with a large number of possible amino acid sequence alterations. (Reidhaar-Olson et al. *Methods Enzymol.* 208:564-586 (1991); and Reidhaar-Olson et al. *Science* 241:53-57 (1988)) Simultaneous substitutions at two or three sites are possible using this technique. Additionally, the method tests a large multiplicity of possible sequence changes at a limited range of sites. This technique has been used to explore the information content of the lambda repressor DNA-binding domain.

[0180] Combinatorial Multiple Cassette Mutagenesis (CMCM) is essentially similar to CCM except it is employed as part of a larger program: 1) Use of epPCR at high mutation rate to 2) ID hot spots and hot regions and then 3) extension by CMCM to cover a defined region of protein sequence space. (Reetz, M. T., S. Wilensek, D. Zha, and K. E. Jaeger, 2001, Directed Evolution of an Enantioselective Enzyme through Combinatorial Multiple-Cassette Mutagenesis. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed Engl. 40:3589-3591.) As with CCM, this method can test virtually all possible alterations over a target region. If used along with methods to create random mutations and shuffled genes, it provides an excellent means of generating diverse, shuffled proteins. This approach was successful in increasing, by 51-fold, the enantioselectivity of an enzyme.

[0181] In the Mutator Strains technique conditional is mutator plasmids allow increases of 20- to 4000-X in random and natural mutation frequency during selection and block accumulation of deleterious mutations when selection is not required. (Selifonova et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 67:3645-3649 (2001)) This technology is based on a plasmid-derived mutD5 gene, which encodes a mutant subunit of DNA polymerase III. This subunit binds to endogenous DNA polymerase III and compromises the proofreading ability of polymerase III in any strain that harbors the plasmid. A broad-spectrum of base substitutions and frameshift mutations occur. In order for effective use, the mutator plasmid should be removed once the desired phenotype is achieved; this is accomplished through a temperature sensitive origin of replication, which allows for plasmid curing at 41° C. It should be noted that mutator strains have been explored for quite some time (e.g., see Low et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 260:359-3680 (1996)). In this technique very high spontaneous mutation rates are observed. The conditional property minimizes non-desired background mutations. This technology could be combined with adaptive evolution to enhance mutagenesis rates and more rapidly achieve desired phenotypes.

[0182] "Look-Through Mutagenesis (LTM) is a multidimensional mutagenesis method that assesses and optimizes combinatorial mutations of selected amino acids." (Rajpal et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 102:8466-8471 (2005)) Rather than saturating each site with all possible amino acid changes, a set of nine is chosen to cover the range of amino acid R-group chemistry. Fewer changes per site allows multiple sites to be subjected to this type of mutagenesis. A >800-fold increase in binding affinity for an antibody from low nanomolar to picomolar has been achieved through this method. This method is a rational approach to minimize the number of random combinations and can increase the ability to find improved traits by greatly decreasing the numbers of clones to be screened. This has been applied to antibody engineering, specifically to increase the binding affinity and/or reduce dissociation. The technique can be combined with either screens or selections.

[0183] Gene Reassembly is a DNA shuffling method that can be applied to multiple genes at one time or to creating a large library of chimeras (multiple mutations) of a single gene (Tunable GeneReassembly™ (TGR™) Technology supplied by Verenium Corporation). Typically this technology is used in combination with ultra-high-throughput screening to query the represented sequence space for desired improvements. This technique allows multiple gene recombinations independent of homology. The exact number and position of cross-over events can be pre-determined using fragments designed via bioinformatic analysis. This technology leads to a very high level of diversity with virtually no parental gene reformation and a low level of inactive genes. Combined with GSSM™, a large range of mutations can be tested for improved activity. The method allows "blending" and "fine tuning" of DNA shuffling, e.g. codon usage can be optimized.

[0184] In Silico Protein Design Automation (PDA) is an optimization algorithm that anchors the structurally defined protein backbone possessing a particular fold, and searches sequence space for amino acid substitutions that can stabilize the fold and overall protein energetics. (Hayes et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U.S.A.* 99:15926-15931 (2002)) This technology uses in silico structure-based entropy predictions in order to search for structural tolerance toward protein amino acid variations. Statistical mechanics is applied to calculate coupling interactions at each position. Structural tolerance toward amino acid substitution is a measure of coupling. Ultimately, this technology is designed to yield desired modifications of protein properties while maintaining the integrity of structural characteristics. The method computationally assesses and allows filtering of a very large number of possible sequence variants (10^{50}). The choice of sequence variants to test is related to predictions based on the most favorable thermodynamics. Ostensibly only stability or properties that are linked to stability can be effectively addressed with this technology. The method has been successfully used in some therapeutic proteins, especially in engineering immunoglobulins. In silico predictions avoid testing extraordinarily large numbers of potential variants. Predictions based on existing three-dimensional structures are more likely to succeed than predictions based on hypothetical structures. This technology can readily predict and allow targeted screening

of multiple simultaneous mutations, something not possible with purely experimental technologies due to exponential increases in numbers.

[0185] Iterative Saturation Mutagenesis (ISM) involves: 1) use knowledge of structure/function to choose a likely site for enzyme improvement; 2) saturation mutagenesis at chosen site using Stratagene QuikChange (or other suitable means); 3) screen/select for desired properties; and 4) with improved clone(s), start over at another site and continue repeating. (Reetz et al., *Nat. Protoc.* 2:891-903 (2007); and Reetz et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed Engl.* 45:7745-7751 (2006)) This is a proven methodology, which assures all possible replacements at a given position are made for screening/selection.

[0186] Any of the aforementioned methods for mutagenesis can be used alone or in any combination. Additionally, any one or combination of the directed evolution methods can be used in conjunction with adaptive evolution techniques.

[0187] The invention additionally provides methods for producing a desired intermediate or product such as adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. For example, a method for producing adipate can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having an adipate pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase, and adipyl-CoA synthetase or phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase or adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. Additionally, a method for producing adipate can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having an adipate pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxoadipate reductase, 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase, and 2-enoate reductase.

[0188] Further, a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase and transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase. Additionally, a method for producing caprolactam can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase, transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase, and amidohydrolase.

[0189] The invention additionally provides methods for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway described herein under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce 6-ACA. In one aspect the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD decarboxylase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED decarboxylase; a 6-OHE reductase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In yet another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED aminotransferase or an OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); a 2-AHE reductase; and a 2-AHD decarboxylase. In still yet another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 2-AHD decarboxylase. In still yet another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an HODH formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or an HODH dehydrogenase; a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In still yet another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In still yet another aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or a 2-OHD dehydrogenase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathways described above can include a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase.

[0190] The invention additionally provides methods for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway described herein under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce HMDA. In one aspect the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase. In another aspect, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP acyltransferase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase. In yet another aspect, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase. In still yet another aspect, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexan-

amine hydrolase (amide). In still yet another aspect, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide). In still yet another aspect, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).

[0191] Also, a method for producing adipate can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having an adipate pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransketoadipylase/alpha-ketoadipate kinase or alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase; and adipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. Furthermore, a method for producing adipate can involve culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having an adipate pathway, the pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding an adipate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce adipate, under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce adipate, the adipate pathway including 2-hydroxyadipate dehydrogenase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotranshydroxyadipylase/2-hydroxyadipate kinase or 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase; 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase; and adipyl-CoA synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase or adipyl-CoA hydrolase.

[0192] As disclosed herein, the invention also provides method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase (see Examples XII and XIII; steps A/B/C/D/K/L/M of FIG. **11**). The invention additionally provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase (see Examples XII and XIV; steps A/E/F/G/H/I/J of FIG. **11**).

[0193] In another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing caprolactam by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase (see Examples XII and XV; steps K/L of FIG. **11**). In such a method, the caprolactam can be produced by spontaneous cyclization of 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to caprolactam (see Example XII; step Q of FIG. **11**). The invention also provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce hexamethylenediamine, the hexamethylenediamine pathway including 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase (see Examples XII and XVI; steps K/L/N/O/P of FIG. **11**).

[0194] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing caprolactam by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, the caprolactam pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase (see Examples XII and XVII; steps A/B/C/D of FIG. **11**). In such a method, the caprolactam can be produced by spontaneous cyclization of 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to caprolactam (see Example XII; step Q of FIG. **11**). Also provided is a method for producing hexamethylenediamine by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce hexamethylenediamine, the hexamethylenediamine pathway including 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase (see Examples XII and XVIII; steps A/B/C/D/N/O/P of FIG. **11**).

[0195] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway, the microbial organism including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase, a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) aldolase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) hydratase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) reductase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) decarboxylase, an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase,

an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) decarboxylase, a 6-oxohex-4-enoate (6-OHE) reductase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) aminotransferase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD) decarboxylase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) aminotransferase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) oxidoreductase (aminating), a 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE) reductase, a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) formate-lyase, a 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) dehydrogenase, a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase, a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase, a adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) formate-lyase, a 2-oxohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) dehydrogenase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) formate-lyase, a 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) dehydrogenase, or a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A-Q of FIG. **12**).

[0196] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway, the microbial organism including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA. In one aspect the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD decarboxylase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/D/E of FIG. **12**). In another aspect of the invention, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED decarboxylase; a 6-OHE reductase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/F/G/E of FIG. **12**). In another aspect of the invention, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED aminotransferase or an OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); a 2-AHE reductase; and a 2-AHD decarboxylase (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/J/D/I of FIG. **12**). In another aspect of the invention, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 2-AHD decarboxylase (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/H/I of FIG. **12**). In another aspect of the invention, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an HODH formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or an HODH dehydrogenase; a 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/L/M/N/O/E of FIG. **12**). the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; a 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/P/N/0/E of FIG. **12**). In another aspect of the invention, the 6-ACA pathway includes an HODH aldolase; an OHED hydratase; an OHED reductase; a 2-OHD formate-lyase and a pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or a 2-OHD dehydrogenase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; and an adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) (see Examples XIX and XXI; steps A/B/C/Q/O/E of FIG. **12**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathways described above can include a succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase or a phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase.

[0197] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a glutamyl-CoA transferase, a glutamyl-CoA ligase, a beta-ketothiolase, an 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), or a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/D/E/I/J of FIG. **20**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode a glutamyl-CoA transferase or glutamyl-CoA ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase.

[0198] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, or a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/AA of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encode a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase.

[0199] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a homolysine 2-monooxygenase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A of FIG. **23**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes hydrolysis of the 6-aminohexanamide product by a dilute acid or base to convert 6-aminohexanamide to 6-aminocaproate (see Example XXV; steps B of FIG. **23**).

[0200] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by cul-

turing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-ACA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including an adipate reductase, an adipate kinase or an adipylphosphate reductase (see Example XXVIII; steps X/Y/Z of FIG. **25**). In a further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an adipate reductase. In another further aspect, the 6-ACA pathway includes an adipate kinase and an adipylphosphate reductase. In still another aspect, the microbial organism having the 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway above further comprises an adipate pathway, a caprolactam pathway and/or a hexamethylenediamine pathway described here (see Example XXVIII; steps A-W of FIG. **25**).

[0201] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 6-ACA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-ACA, the 6-ACA pathway including a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase, a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, or a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/D/E/F/G/I of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0202] In another embodiment of the invention, the invention provides a method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway including a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase; and a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase (see Example XXV; steps A/D/E of FIG. **26**). In yet another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase (see Example XXV; steps A/B/F of FIG. **26**). In still yet another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 6-ACA pathway enzymes, where the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase (see Example XXV; steps I/G/F of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect of each of the above embodiments, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0203] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway, the microbial organism including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate kinase, an [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AHOP) oxidoreductase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase, an [(6-acetamidohexanoyl) oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) oxidoreductase, a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide), a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase, a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a [(6-acetamidohexanoyl)oxy]phosphonate (6-AAHOP) acyltransferase, a [(6-aminohexanoyl)oxy] phosphonate (6-AHOP) acyltransferase, a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase and a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A-N of FIG. **13**).

[0204] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway, the microbial organism including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA. In one aspect the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate kinase; a 6-AHOP acyltransferase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps A/L/N/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or a 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; a 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or a 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase (see Examples XX and XXI; steps M/N/C of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/E/F/G/H of FIG. **13**). In another aspect of the invention, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or a 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; a 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/I/J/G/H of FIG. **13**). In

another aspect of the invention, the HMDA pathway includes a 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; a 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; a 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; a 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and a 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or a 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Examples XX and XXI; steps D/E/K/J/G of FIG. **13**).

[0205] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutamyl-CoA transferase, a glutamyl-CoA ligase, a beta-ketothiolase, an 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A-H of FIG. **20**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutamyl-CoA transferase or ligase; a beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; a 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; a 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0206] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimelate ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate kinase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 2-aminopimelate reductase, a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; FIG. **21**).

[0207] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0208] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/F/G/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0209] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA

transferase, 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/H/I/D/E/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0210] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0211] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate kinase, a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/H/I/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate kinase; a 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0212] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/F/G/AB/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or a 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0213] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B//J/O/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-ami-

nopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0214] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/M/N/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0215] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/K/L/P/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0216] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/O/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0217] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase, a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/K/L/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or a 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0218] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate kinase, a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating

oxidoreductase, a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/M/N/Z/R/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate kinase; a 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0219] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate reductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/W/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0220] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate kinase, a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/U/X/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate kinase; a 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0221] In yet another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a HMDA pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase, 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase, a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, or a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/J/T/V/Y/Q/S of FIG. **21**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; a 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or a 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; a 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; a 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase; a 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase.

[0222] The invention additionally provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase, a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase aminating oxidoreductase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase or 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A-G of FIG. **22**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase or a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and a homolysine decarboxylase. In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; a 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; a 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase or a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase.

[0223] The invention additionally provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 6-aminocaproate reductase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, a 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase, 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase, 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide) (see Example XXVII; steps O/C or D/P/G/H of FIG. **24**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 6-aminocaproate reductase; and a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase or a 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide).

[0224] The invention additionally provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a HMDA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce HMDA, the HMDA pathway including a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase, a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, a homolysine decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase, a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase or a 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; Steps A/B/C/G/H/I/J/K/L/M of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0225] In another embodiment, the invention provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway including a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase; a 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps K/L/H of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps I/J/H of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; a 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps I/G/C of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and a 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or a 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **26**). In another embodiment of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding HMDA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase; and a homolysine decarboxylase (see Examples XXIV and XXVI; steps A/M/H of FIG. **26**). In a further aspect of each of the above embodiments, the microbioal organism has a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway having a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway including a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase (see Examples XXV and XXVI; steps A/B/C of FIG. **27**).

[0226] The invention additionally provides a method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) by culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism having a levulinic acid (LA) pathway including at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a LA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce LA, the LA pathway including a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase, or a 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase (see Example XXIX; steps A/E/F/G/AA of FIG. **25**). In another aspect of the invention, the non-naturally occurring microbial organism includes a set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding LA pathway enzymes, wherein the set encodes a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase; a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, or a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase; and a 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase.

[0227] The invention further provides methods of producing non-naturally microbial organisms having increased production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA by disruption of one or more genes to confer increased production of adiate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA. Such gene disruptions include those exemplified herein in Example XXX and Tables 14-16.

[0228] The invention additionally provides a method for producing adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA that includes culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that includes one or more gene disruptions that confer increased production of adiapte, 6-ACA and/or HMDA. The disruptions can occur in genes encoding an enzyme obligatory to coupling adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA production to growth of the microorganism when the gene disruption reduces an activity of the enzyme, such that the disruptions confer stable growth-coupled production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA onto the non-naturally microbial organism.

[0229] In some embodiments, the gene disruption can include a complete gene deletion. Methods for gene disruption are well known to those skilled in the art and are described herein (see Example XXX). In some embodiments other methods to disrupt a gene include, for example, frame-shifting by omission, addition of oligonucleotides or by mutations that render the gene inoperable. One skilled in the art will recognize the advantages of gene deletions, however, because of the stability it can confer to the non-naturally occurring organism from reverting to a phenotype expressing the previously disrupted gene. In particular, the gene disruptions are selected from the gene sets that described in Tables 14-16.

[0230] Suitable purification and/or assays to test for the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be performed using well known methods. Suitable replicates such as triplicate cultures can be grown for each engineered strain to be tested. For example, product and byproduct formation in the engineered production host can be monitored. The final product and intermediates, and other organic compounds, can be analyzed by methods such as HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography), GC-MS (Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy) and LC-MS (Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectroscopy) or other suitable analytical methods using routine procedures well known in the art. The release of product in the fermentation broth can also be tested with the culture supernatant. Byproducts and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC using, for example, a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., Biotechnol. Bioeng. 90:775-779 (2005)), or other suitable assay and detection methods well known in the art. The individual enzyme activities from the exogenous DNA sequences can also be assayed using methods well known in the art.

[0231] The 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be separated from other components in the culture using a variety of methods well known in the art. Such separation methods include, for example, extraction procedures as well as methods that include continuous liquid-liquid extraction, pervaporation, membrane filtration, membrane separation, reverse osmosis, electrodialysis, distillation, crystallization, centrifugation, extractive filtration, ion exchange chromatography, size exclusion chromatography, adsorption chromatography, and ultrafiltration. All of the above methods are well known in the art.

[0232] Any of the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms described herein can be cultured to produce and/or secrete the biosynthetic products of the invention. For example, the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producers can be cultured for the biosynthetic production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0233] For the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, the recombinant strains are cultured in a medium with carbon source and other essential nutrients. It is sometimes desirable and can be highly desirable to maintain anaerobic conditions in the fermenter to reduce the cost of the overall process. Such conditions can be obtained, for example, by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the flasks with a septum and crimp-cap. For strains where growth is not observed anaerobically, microaerobic or substantially anaerobic conditions can be applied by perforating the septum with a small hole for limited aeration. Exemplary anaerobic conditions have been described previously and are well-known in the art. Exemplary aerobic and anaerobic conditions are described, for example, in United State publication 2009/0047719 (Ser. No. 11/891,602), filed Aug. 10, 2007. Fermentations can be performed in a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner, as disclosed herein.

[0234] If desired, the pH of the medium can be maintained at a desired pH, in particular neutral pH, such as a pH of around 7 by addition of a base, such as NaOH or other bases, or acid, as needed to maintain the culture medium at a desirable pH. The growth rate can be determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm), and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time.

[0235] The growth medium can include, for example, any carbohydrate source which can supply a source of carbon to the non-naturally occurring microorganism. Such sources include, for example, sugars such as glucose, xylose, arabinose, galactose, mannose, fructose, sucrose and starch. Other sources of carbohydrate include, for example, renewable feedstocks and biomass. Exemplary types of biomasses that can be used as feedstocks in the methods of the invention include cellulosic biomass, hemicellulosic biomass and lignin feedstocks or portions of feedstocks. Such biomass feedstocks contain, for example, carbohydrate substrates useful as carbon sources such as glucose, xylose, arabinose, galactose, mannose, fructose and starch. Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that renewable feedstocks and biomass other than those exemplified above also can be used for culturing the microbial organisms of the invention for the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0236] In addition to renewable feedstocks such as those exemplified above, the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid microbial organisms of the invention also can be modified for growth on syngas as its source of carbon. In this specific embodiment, one or more proteins or enzymes are expressed in the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producing organisms to provide a metabolic pathway for utilization of syngas or other gaseous carbon source.

[0237] Synthesis gas, also known as syngas or producer gas, is the major product of gasification of coal and of carbonaceous materials such as biomass materials, including agricultural crops and residues. Syngas is a mixture primarily of H_2 and CO and can be obtained from the gasification of any organic feedstock, including but not limited to coal, coal oil, natural gas, biomass, and waste organic matter. Gasification is generally carried out under a high fuel to oxygen ratio.

Although largely H_2 and CO, syngas can also include CO_2 and other gases in smaller quantities. Thus, synthesis gas provides a cost effective source of gaseous carbon such as CO and, additionally, CO_2.

[0238] The Wood-Ljungdahl pathway catalyzes the conversion of CO and H_2 to acetyl-CoA and other products such as acetate. Organisms capable of utilizing CO and syngas also generally have the capability of utilizing CO_2 and CO_2/H_2 mixtures through the same basic set of enzymes and transformations encompassed by the Wood-Ljungdahl pathway. H_2-dependent conversion of CO_2 to acetate by microorganisms was recognized long before it was revealed that CO also could be used by the same organisms and that the same pathways were involved. Many acetogens have been shown to grow in the presence of CO_2 and produce compounds such as acetate as long as hydrogen is present to supply the necessary reducing equivalents (see for example, Drake, *Acetogenesis*, pp. 3-60 Chapman and Hall, New York, (1994)). This can be summarized by the following equation:

$$2CO_2+4H_2+nADP+nPi \rightarrow CH_3COOH+2H_2O+nATP$$

Hence, non-naturally occurring microorganisms possessing the Wood-Ljungdahl pathway can utilize CO_2 and H_2 mixtures as well for the production of acetyl-CoA and other desired products.

[0239] The Wood-Ljungdahl pathway is well known in the art and consists of 12 reactions which can be separated into two branches: (1) methyl branch and (2) carbonyl branch. The methyl branch converts syngas to methyl-tetrahydrofolate (methyl-THF) whereas the carbonyl branch converts methyl-THF to acetyl-CoA. The reactions in the methyl branch are catalyzed in order by the following enzymes: ferredoxin oxidoreductase, formate dehydrogenase, formyltetrahydrofolate synthetase, methenyltetrahydrofolate cyclodehydratase, methylenetetrahydrofolate dehydrogenase and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase. The reactions in the carbonyl branch are catalyzed in order by the following enzymes or proteins: cobalamide corrinoid/iron-sulfur protein, methyltransferase, carbon monoxide dehydrogenase, acetyl-CoA synthase, acetyl-CoA synthase disulfide reductase and hydrogenase, and these enzymes can also be referred to as methyltetrahydrofolate:corrinoid protein methyltransferase (for example, AcsE), corrinoid iron-sulfur protein, nickel-protein assembly protein (for example, AcsF), ferredoxin, acetyl-CoA synthase, carbon monoxide dehydrogenase and nickel-protein assembly protein (for example, CooC). Following the teachings and guidance provided herein for introducing a sufficient number of encoding nucleic acids to generate a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway, those skilled in the art will understand that the same engineering design also can be performed with respect to introducing at least the nucleic acids encoding the Wood-Ljungdahl enzymes or proteins absent in the host organism. Therefore, introduction of one or more encoding nucleic acids into the microbial organisms of the invention such that the modified organism contains the complete Wood-Ljungdahl pathway will confer syngas utilization ability.

[0240] Additionally, the reductive (reverse) tricarboxylic acid cycle coupled with carbon monoxide dehydrogenase and/or hydrogenase activities can also be used for the conversion of CO, CO_2 and/or H_2 to acetyl-CoA and other products such as acetate. Organisms capable of fixing carbon via the reductive TCA pathway can utilize one or more of the following enzymes: ATP citrate-lyase, citrate lyase, aconitase, isocitrate dehydrogenase, alpha-ketoglutarate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase, succinyl-CoA synthetase, succinyl-CoA transferase, fumarate reductase, fumarase, malate dehydrogenase, NAD(P)H:ferredoxin oxidoreductase, carbon monoxide dehydrogenase, and hydrogenase. Specifically, the reducing equivalents extracted from CO and/or H_2 by carbon monoxide dehydrogenase and hydrogenase are utilized to fix CO_2 via the reductive TCA cycle into acetyl-CoA or acetate. Acetate can be converted to acetyl-CoA by enzymes such as acetyl-CoA transferase, acetate kinase/phosphotransacetylase, and acetyl-CoA synthetase. Acetyl-CoA can be converted to the p-toluate, terepathalate, or (2-hydroxy-3-methyl-4-oxobutoxy)phosphonate precursors, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate, phosphoenolpyruvate, and pyruvate, by pyruvate:ferredoxin oxidoreductase and the enzymes of gluconeogenesis. Following the teachings and guidance provided herein for introducing a sufficient number of encoding nucleic acids to generate a p-toluate, terephthalate or (2-hydroxy-3-methyl-4-oxobutoxy)phosphonate pathway, those skilled in the art will understand that the same engineering design also can be performed with respect to introducing at least the nucleic acids encoding the reductive TCA pathway enzymes or proteins absent in the host organism. Therefore, introduction of one or more encoding nucleic acids into the microbial organisms of the invention such that the modified organism contains the complete reductive TCA pathway will confer syngas utilization ability.

[0241] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that a non-naturally occurring microbial organism can be produced that secretes the biosynthesized compounds of the invention when grown on a carbon source such as a carbohydrate. Such compounds include, for example, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid and any of the intermediate metabolites in the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway. All that is required is to engineer in one or more of the required enzyme activities to achieve biosynthesis of the desired compound or intermediate including, for example, inclusion of some or all of the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthetic pathways. Accordingly, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism that produces and/or secretes 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid when grown on a carbohydrate and produces and/or secretes any of the intermediate metabolites shown in the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway when grown on a carbohydrate. For example, an adipate producing microbial organisms can initiate synthesis from an intermediate, for example, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA, 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA, or adipyl-CoA (see FIG. **2**), as desired. In addition, an adipate producing microbial organism can initiate synthesis from an intermediate, for example, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, 3-oxoadipate, 3-hydroxyadipate, or hexa-2-enedioate (see FIG. **3**). The 6-aminocaproic acid producing microbial organism of the invention can initiate synthesis from an intermediate, for example, adipate semialdehyde (see FIG. **8**). The caprolactam producing microbial organism of the invention can initiate synthesis from an intermediate, for example, adipate semialdehyde or 6-aminocaproic acid (see FIG. **8**), as desired.

[0242] The non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention are constructed using methods well known in the art as exemplified herein to exogenously express at least

one nucleic acid encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid pathway enzyme in sufficient amounts to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. It is understood that the microbial organisms of the invention are cultured under conditions sufficient to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. Following the teachings and guidance provided herein, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can achieve biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid resulting in intracellular concentrations between about 0.1-200 mM or more. Generally, the intracellular concentration of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid is between about 3-150 mM, particularly between about 5-125 mM and more particularly between about 8-100 mM, including about 10 mM, 20 mM, 50 mM, 80 mM, or more. Intracellular concentrations between and above each of these exemplary ranges also can be achieved from the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention.

[0243] In some embodiments, culture conditions include anaerobic or substantially anaerobic growth or maintenance conditions. Exemplary anaerobic conditions have been described previously and are well known in the art. Exemplary anaerobic conditions for fermentation processes are described herein and are described, for example, in U.S. publication 2009/0047719, filed Aug. 10, 2007. Any of these conditions can be employed with the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms as well as other anaerobic conditions well known in the art. Under such anaerobic conditions, the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producers can synthesize 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid at intracellular concentrations of 5-10 mM or more as well as all other concentrations exemplified herein. It is understood that, even though the above description refers to intracellular concentrations, 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producing microbial organisms can produce 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid intracellularly and/or secrete the product into the culture medium.

[0244] The culture conditions can include, for example, liquid culture procedures as well as fermentation and other large scale culture procedures. As described herein, particularly useful yields of the biosynthetic products of the invention can be obtained under anaerobic or substantially anaerobic culture conditions.

[0245] As described herein, one exemplary growth condition for achieving biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid includes anaerobic culture or fermentation conditions. In certain embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can be sustained, cultured or fermented under anaerobic or substantially anaerobic conditions. Briefly, anaerobic conditions refers to an environment devoid of oxygen. Substantially anaerobic conditions include, for example, a culture, batch fermentation or continuous fermentation such that the dissolved oxygen concentration in the medium remains between 0 and 10% of saturation. Substantially anaerobic conditions also includes growing or resting cells in liquid medium or on solid agar inside a sealed chamber maintained with an atmosphere of less than 1% oxygen. The percent of oxygen can be maintained by, for example, sparging the culture with an N_2/CO_2 mixture or other suitable non-oxygen gas or gases.

[0246] The culture conditions described herein can be scaled up and grown continuously for manufacturing of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. Exemplary growth procedures include, for example, fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous fermentation and continuous separation. All of these processes are well known in the art. Fermentation procedures are particularly useful for the biosynthetic production of commercial quantities of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. Generally, and as with non-continuous culture procedures, the continuous and/or near-continuous production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid will include culturing a non-naturally occurring 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producing organism of the invention in sufficient nutrients and medium to sustain and/or nearly sustain growth in an exponential phase. Continuous culture under such conditions can include, for example, 1 day, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 days or more. Additionally, continuous culture can include 1 week, 2, 3, 4 or 5 or more weeks and up to several months. Alternatively, organisms of the invention can be cultured for hours, if suitable for a particular application. It is to be understood that the continuous and/or near-continuous culture conditions also can include all time intervals in between these exemplary periods. It is further understood that the time of culturing the microbial organism of the invention is for a sufficient period of time to produce a sufficient amount of product for a desired purpose.

[0247] Fermentation procedures are well known in the art. Briefly, fermentation for the biosynthetic production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be utilized in, for example, fed-batch fermentation and batch separation; fed-batch fermentation and continuous separation, or continuous fermentation and continuous separation. Examples of batch and continuous fermentation procedures are well known in the art.

[0248] In addition to the above fermentation procedures using the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producers of the invention for continuous production of substantial quantities of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, the 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid producers also can be, for example, simultaneously subjected to chemical synthesis procedures to convert the product to other compounds or the product can be separated from the fermentation culture and sequentially subjected to chemical conversion to convert the product to other compounds, if desired. As described herein, an intermediate in the adipate pathway utilizing 3-oxoadipate, hexa-2-enedioate, can be converted to adipate, for example, by chemical hydrogenation over a platinum catalyst (see Example III).

[0249] As described herein, exemplary growth conditions for achieving biosynthesis of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid includes the addition of an osmoprotectant to the culturing conditions. In certain embodiments, the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention can be sustained, cultured or fermented as described above in the presence of an osmoprotectant. Briefly, an osmoprotectant means a compound that acts as an osmolyte and helps a microbial organism as

described herein survive osmotic stress. Osmoprotectants include, but are not limited to, betaines, amino acids, and the sugar trehalose. Non-limiting examples of such are glycine betaine, praline betaine, dimethylthetin, dimethylslfoniopropionate, 3-dimethylsulfonio-2-methylproprionate, pipecolic acid, dimethylsulfonioacetate, choline, L-carnitine and ectoine. In one aspect, the osmoprotectant is glycine betaine. It is understood to one of ordinary skill in the art that the amount and type of osmoprotectant suitable for protecting a microbial organism described herein from osmotic stress will depend on the microbial organism used. For example, as described in Example XXII, *Escherichia coli* in the presence of varying amounts of 6-aminocaproic acid is suitably grown in the presence of 2 mM glycine betaine. The amount of osmoprotectant in the culturing conditions can be, for example, no more than about 0.1 mM, no more than about 0.5 mM, no more than about 1.0 mM, no more than about 1.5 mM, no more than about 2.0 mM, no more than about 2.5 mM, no more than about 3.0 mM, no more than about 5.0 mM, no more than about 7.0 mM, no more than about 10 mM, no more than about 50 mM, no more than about 100 mM or no more than about 500 mM.

[0250] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling can be utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling can also be used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid.

[0251] One computational method for identifying and designing metabolic alterations favoring biosynthesis of a desired product is the OptKnock computational framework, Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 84:647-657 (2003). OptKnock is a metabolic modeling and simulation program that suggests gene deletion strategies that result in genetically stable microorganisms which overproduce the target product. Specifically, the framework examines the complete metabolic and/or biochemical network of a microorganism in order to suggest genetic manipulations that force the desired biochemical to become an obligatory byproduct of cell growth. By coupling biochemical production with cell growth through strategically placed gene deletions or other functional gene disruption, the growth selection pressures imposed on the engineered strains after long periods of time in a bioreactor lead to improvements in performance as a result of the compulsory growth-coupled biochemical production. Lastly, when gene deletions are constructed there is a negligible possibility of the designed strains reverting to their wild-type states because the genes selected by OptKnock are to be completely removed from the genome. Therefore, this computational methodology can be used to either identify alternative pathways that lead to biosynthesis of a desired product or used in connection with the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms for further optimization of biosynthesis of a desired product.

[0252] The concept of growth-coupled biochemical production can be visualized in the context of the biochemical production envelopes of a typical metabolic network calculated using an in silico model. These limits are obtained by fixing the uptake rate(s) of the limiting substrate(s) to their experimentally measured value(s) and calculating the maximum and minimum rates of biochemical production at each attainable level of growth. Although exceptions exist, typically the production of a desired biochemical is in direct competition with biomass formation for intracellular resources. Thus, enhanced rates of biochemical production will necessarily result in sub-maximal growth rates. The knockouts suggested by OptKnock are designed to restrict the allowable solution boundaries forcing a change in metabolic behavior from the wild-type strain. Although the actual solution boundaries for a given strain will expand or contract as the substrate uptake rate(s) increase or decrease, each experimental point should lie within its calculated solution boundary. Plots such as these allow one to visualize how close strains are to their performance limits or, in other words, how much room is available for improvement. The OptKnock framework has already been able to identify promising gene deletion strategies for biochemical overproduction, (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 84(6):647-657 (2003); Pharkya et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 84(7):887-899 (2003)) and establishes a systematic framework that will naturally encompass future improvements in metabolic and regulatory modeling frameworks.

[0253] Briefly, OptKnock is a term used herein to refer to a computational method and system for modeling cellular metabolism. The OptKnock program relates to a framework of models and methods that incorporate particular constraints into flux balance analysis (FBA) models. These constraints include, for example, qualitative kinetic information, qualitative regulatory information, and/or DNA microarray experimental data. OptKnock also computes solutions to various metabolic problems by, for example, tightening the flux boundaries derived through flux balance models and subsequently probing the performance limits of metabolic networks in the presence of gene additions or deletions. OptKnock computational framework allows the construction of model formulations that enable an effective query of the performance limits of metabolic networks and provides methods for solving the resulting mixed-integer linear programming problems. The metabolic modeling and simulation method referred to herein as OptKnock are described in, for example, U.S. publication 2002/0168654, filed Jan. 10, 2002, in International Patent No. PCT/US02/00660, filed Jan. 10, 2002, and U.S. patent application serial No. 2009/0047719, filed Aug. 10, 2007.

[0254] Another computational method for identifying and designing metabolic alterations favoring biosynthetic production of a product is a metabolic modeling and simulation system termed SimPheny®. This computational method and system is described in, for example, U.S. publication 2003/0233218, filed Jun. 14, 2002, and in International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/18838, filed Jun. 13, 2003. SimPheny® is a computational system that can be used to produce a network model in silico and to simulate the flux of mass, energy or charge through the chemical reactions of a biological system to define a solution space that contains any and all possible functionalities of the chemical reactions in the system, thereby determining a range of allowed activities for the biological system. This approach is referred to as constraints-based modeling because the solution space is defined by constraints such as the known stoichiometry of the included reactions as well as reaction thermodynamic and capacity constraints associated with maximum fluxes through reactions. The space defined by these constraints can be inter-

rogated to determine the phenotypic capabilities and behavior of the biological system or of its biochemical components. Analysis methods such as convex analysis, linear programming and the calculation of extreme pathways as described, for example, in Schilling et al., *J. Theor. Biol.* 203:229-248 (2000); Schilling et al., *Biotech. Bioeng.* 71:286-306 (2000) and Schilling et al., *Biotech. Prog.* 15:288-295 (1999), can be used to determine such phenotypic capabilities.

[0255] As described above, one constraints-based method used in the computational programs applicable to the invention is flux balance analysis. Flux balance analysis is based on flux balancing in a steady state condition and can be performed as described in, for example, Varma and Palsson, *Biotech. Bioeng.* 12:994-998 (1994). Flux balance approaches have been applied to reaction networks to simulate or predict systemic properties of, for example, adipocyte metabolism as described in Fell and Small, *J. Biochem.* 138: 781-786 (1986), acetate secretion from *E. coli* under ATP maximization conditions as described in Majewski and Domach, *Biotech. Bioeng.* 35:732-738 (1990) or ethanol secretion by yeast as described in Vanrolleghem et al., *Biotech. Prog.* 12:434-448 (1996). Additionally, this approach can be used to predict or simulate the growth of *S. cerevisiae* on a variety of single-carbon sources as well as the metabolism of *H. influenzae* as described in Edwards and Palsson, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 97:5528-5533 (2000), Edwards and Palsson, *J. Bio. Chem.* 274:17410-17416 (1999) and Edwards et al., *Nature Biotech.* 19:125-130 (2001).

[0256] Once the solution space has been defined, it can be analyzed to determine possible solutions under various conditions. This computational approach is consistent with biological realities because biological systems are flexible and can reach the same result in many different ways. Biological systems are designed through evolutionary mechanisms that have been restricted by fundamental constraints that all living systems must face. Therefore, constraints-based modeling strategy embraces these general realities. Further, the ability to continuously impose further restrictions on a network model via the tightening of constraints results in a reduction in the size of the solution space, thereby enhancing the precision with which physiological performance or phenotype can be predicted.

[0257] These computational approaches are consistent with biological realities because biological systems are flexible and can reach the same result in many different ways. Biological systems are designed through evolutionary mechanisms that have been restricted by fundamental constraints that all living systems must face. Therefore, constraints-based modeling strategy embraces these general realities. Further, the ability to continuously impose further restrictions on a network model via the tightening of constraints results in a reduction in the size of the solution space, thereby enhancing the precision with which physiological performance or phenotype can be predicted.

[0258] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will be able to apply various computational frameworks for metabolic modeling and simulation to design and implement biosynthesis of a desired compound in host microbial organisms. Such metabolic modeling and simulation methods include, for example, the computational systems exemplified above as SimPheny® and OptKnock. For illustration of the invention, some methods are described herein with reference to the OptKnock computation framework for modeling and simulation. Those skilled in the art will know how to apply the identification, design and implementation of the metabolic alterations using OptKnock to any of such other metabolic modeling and simulation computational frameworks and methods well known in the art.

[0259] The ability of a cell or organism to obligatory couple growth to the production of a biochemical product can be illustrated in the context of the biochemical production limits of a typical metabolic network calculated using an in silico model. These limits are obtained by fixing the uptake rate(s) of the limiting substrate(s) to their experimentally measured value(s) and calculating the maximum and minimum rates of biochemical production at each attainable level of growth. tThe production of a desired biochemical generally is in direct competition with biomass formation for intracellular resources. Under these circumstances, enhanced rates of biochemical production will necessarily result in sub-maximal growth rates. The knockouts suggested by the above metabolic modeling and simulation programs such as OptKnock are designed to restrict the allowable solution boundaries forcing a change in metabolic behavior from the wild-type strain. Although the actual solution boundaries for a given strain will expand or contract as the substrate uptake rate(s) increase or decrease, each experimental point will lie within its calculated solution boundary. Plots such as these allow accurate predictions of how close the designed strains are to their performance limits which also indicates how much room is available for improvement.

[0260] The OptKnock mathematical framework is exemplified herein for pinpointing gene deletions leading to growth-coupled biochemical production (see Example XXX). The procedure builds upon constraint-based metabolic modeling which narrows the range of possible phenotypes that a cellular system can display through the successive imposition of governing physico-chemical constraints, Price et al., *Nat Rev Microbiol,* 2: 886-97 (2004). As described above, constraint-based models and simulations are well known in the art and generally invoke the optimization of a particular cellular objective, subject to network stoichiometry, to suggest a likely flux distribution.

[0261] Briefly, the maximization of a cellular objective quantified as an aggregate reaction flux for a steady state metabolic network comprising a set N={1, . . . , N} of metabolites and a set M={1, . . . , M}of metabolic reactions is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$\text{maximize } v_{cellular\ objective}$$

$$\text{subject to } \sum_{j=1}^{M} S_{ij} v_j = 0, \forall\, i \in N$$

$$v_{substrate} = v_{substrate_uptake}\ \text{mmol}/gDW \cdot \text{hr}$$

$$\forall\, i \in \{\text{limiting substrate}(s)\}$$

$$v_{atp} \geq v_{atp_main}\ \text{mmol}/gDW \cdot \text{hr}$$

$$v_j \geq 0,$$

$$\forall\, j \in \{irrev.\ \text{reactions}\}$$

where S_{ij} is the stoichiometric coefficient of metabolite i in reaction j, v_j is the flux of reaction j, $v_{substrate_uptake}$ represents the assumed or measured uptake rate(s) of the limiting substrate(s), and v_{atp_main} is the non-growth associated ATP maintenance requirement. The vector v includes both internal

and external fluxes. In this study, the cellular objective is often assumed to be a drain of biosynthetic precursors in the ratios required for biomass formation, Neidhardt, F. C. et al., 2nd ed. 1996, Washington, D.C.: ASM Press. 2 v. (xx, 2822, lxxvi). The fluxes are generally reported per 1 gDW·hr (gram of dry weight times hour) such that biomass formation is expressed as g biomass produced/gDW·hr or 1/hr.

[0262] The modeling of gene deletions, and thus reaction elimination, first employs the incorporation of binary variables into the constraint-based approach framework, Burgard et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 74: 364-375 (2001), Burgard et al., *Biotechnol Prog,* 17: 791-797 (2001). These binary variables,

$$y_j = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if reaction flux } v_j \text{ is active} \\ 0, & \text{if reaction flux } v_j \text{ is not active,} \end{cases}$$

$$\forall\, j \in M$$

assume a value of 1 if reaction j is active and a value of 0 if it is inactive. The following constraint,

$$v_j^{min} \cdot y_j \leqq v^j \leqq v_j^{max} \cdot y_j,\ \forall j \in M$$

ensures that reaction flux v_j is set to zero only if variable y_j is equal to zero. Alternatively, when y_j is equal to one, v_j is free to assume any value between a lower v_j^{min} and an upper v_j^{max} bound. Here, v_j^{min} and v_j^{max} are identified by minimizing and maximizing, respectively, every reaction flux subject to the network constraints described above, Mahadevan et al., *Metab Eng,* 5: 264-76 (2003).

[0263] Optimal gene/reaction knockouts are identified by solving a bilevel optimization problem that chooses the set of active reactions (y_j=1) such that an optimal growth solution for the resulting network overproduces the chemical of interest. Schematically, this bilevel optimization problem is illustrated in FIG. **2**. Mathematically, this bilevel optimization problem is expressed as the following bilevel mixed-integer optimization problem:

$$\underset{y_j}{\text{maximize}}\ v_{chemical} \quad (OptKnock)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{lll} \underset{v_j}{\text{subject to}} & \text{maximize} & v_{biomass} \\ & \text{subject to} & \sum_{j=1}^{M} S_{ij} v_j = 0, \qquad \forall\, i \in N \\ & & v_{substrate} = v_{substrate_uptake} \quad \forall\, i \in \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{limiting} \\ \text{subtrate}(s) \end{array} \right\} \\ & & v_{atp} \geq v_{atp_main} \\ & & v_{biomass} \geq v_{biomass}^{target} \end{array} \right)$$

$$v_j^{min} \cdot y_j \leq v_j \leq v_j^{max} \cdot y_j,\ \forall\, j \in M$$

$$\sum_{j \in M^{forward}} (1 - y_j) = K$$

$$y_j \in \{0, 1\},\ \forall\, j \in M$$

where $v_{chemical}$ is the production of the desired target product, for example adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA, or other biochemical product, and K is the number of allowable knockouts. Note that setting K equal to zero returns the maximum biomass solution of the complete network, while setting K equal to one identifies the single gene/reaction knockout (y_j=0) such that the resulting network involves the maximum overproduction given its maximum biomass yield. The final constraint ensures that the resulting network meets a minimum biomass yield. Burgard et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 84: 647-57 (2003), provide a more detailed description of the model formulation and solution procedure. Problems containing hundreds of binary variables can be solved in the order of minutes to hours using CPLEX 8.0, *GAMS: The Solver Manuals.* 2003: GAMS Development Corporation, accessed via the GAMS, Brooke et al., *GAMS Development Corporation* (1998), modeling environment on an IBM RS6000-270 workstation. The OptKnock framework has already been able to identify promising gene deletion strategies for biochemical overproduction, Burgard et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 84: 647-57 (2003), Pharkya et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng,* 84: 887-899 (2003), and establishes a systematic framework that will naturally encompass future improvements in metabolic and regulatory modeling frameworks.

[0264] The methods described above will provide one set of metabolic reactions to disrupt. Elimination of each reaction within the set or metabolic modification can result in a desired product as an obligatory product during the growth phase of the organism. Because the reactions are known, a solution to the bilevel OptKnock problem also will provide the associated gene or genes encoding one or more enzymes that catalyze each reaction within the set of reactions. Identification of a set of reactions and their corresponding genes encoding the enzymes participating in each reaction is generally an automated process, accomplished through correlation of the reactions with a reaction database having a relationship between enzymes and encoding genes.

[0265] Once identified, the set of reactions that are to be disrupted in order to achieve production of a desired product are implemented in the target cell or organism by functional disruption of at least one gene encoding each metabolic reaction within the set. One particularly useful means to achieve functional disruption of the reaction set is by deletion of each encoding gene. However, in some instances, it can be beneficial to disrupt the reaction by other genetic aberrations including, for example, mutation, deletion of regulatory regions such as promoters or cis binding sites for regulatory factors, or by truncation of the coding sequence at any of a number of locations. These latter aberrations, resulting in less than total deletion of the gene set can be useful, for example, when rapid assessments of the coupling of a product are desired or when genetic reversion is less likely to occur.

[0266] To identify additional productive solutions to the above described bilevel OptKnock problem which lead to further sets of reactions to disrupt or metabolic modifications that can result in the biosynthesis, including growth-coupled biosynthesis of a desired product, an optimization method, termed integer cuts, can be implemented. This method proceeds by iteratively solving the OptKnock problem exemplified above with the incorporation of an additional constraint referred to as an integer cut at each iteration. Integer cut constraints effectively prevent the solution procedure from choosing the exact same set of reactions identified in any previous iteration that obligatorily couples product biosynthesis to growth. For example, if a previously identified growth-coupled metabolic modification specifies reactions 1, 2, and 3 for disruption, then the following constraint prevents the same reactions from being simultaneously considered in

subsequent solutions. The integer cut method is well known in the art and can be found described in, for example, Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 17:791-797 (2001). As with all methods described herein with reference to their use in combination with the OptKnock computational framework for metabolic modeling and simulation, the integer cut method of reducing redundancy in iterative computational analysis also can be applied with other computational frameworks well known in the art including, for example, SimPheny®.

[0267] The methods exemplified herein allow the construction of cells and organisms that biosynthetically produce a desired product, including the obligatory coupling of production of a target biochemical product to growth of the cell or organism engineered to harbor the identified genetic alterations. Therefore, the computational methods described herein allow the identification and implementation of metabolic modifications that are identified by an in silico method selected from OptKnock or SimPheny®. The set of metabolic modifications can include, for example, addition of one or more biosynthetic pathway enzymes and/or functional disruption of one or more metabolic reactions including, for example, disruption by gene deletion.

[0268] As discussed above, the OptKnock methodology was developed on the premise that mutant microbial networks can be evolved towards their computationally predicted maximum-growth phenotypes when subjected to long periods of growth selection. In other words, the approach leverages an organism's ability to self-optimize under selective pressures. The OptKnock framework allows for the exhaustive enumeration of gene deletion combinations that force a coupling between biochemical production and cell growth based on network stoichiometry. The identification of optimal gene/reaction knockouts requires the solution of a bilevel optimization problem that chooses the set of active reactions such that an optimal growth solution for the resulting network overproduces the biochemical of interest (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 84:647-657 (2003)).

[0269] An in silico stoichiometric model of *E. coli* metabolism can be employed to identify essential genes for metabolic pathways as exemplified previously and described in, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and in U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379. As disclosed herein, the OptKnock mathematical framework can be applied to pinpoint gene deletions leading to the growth-coupled production of a desired product. Further, the solution of the bilevel OptKnock problem provides only one set of deletions. To enumerate all meaningful solutions, that is, all sets of knockouts leading to growth-coupled production formation, an optimization technique, termed integer cuts, can be implemented. This entails iteratively solving the OptKnock problem with the incorporation of an additional constraint referred to as an integer cut at each iteration, as discussed above.

[0270] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art will understand that to disrupt an enzymatic reaction the catalytic activity of the one or more enzymes involved in the reaction is to be disrupted. Disruption can occur by a variety of means including, for example, deletion of an encoding gene or incorporation of a genetic alteration in one or more of the encoding gene sequences. The encoding genes targeted for disruption can be one, some, or all of the genes encoding enzymes involved in the catalytic activity. For example, where a single enzyme is involved in a targeted catalytic activity disruption can occur by a genetic alteration that reduces or destroys the catalytic activity of the encoded gene product. Similarly, where the single enzyme is multimeric, including heteromeric, disruption can occur by a genetic alteration that reduces or destroys the function of one or all subunits of the encoded gene products. Destruction of activity can be accomplished by loss of the binding activity of one or more subunits in order to form an active complex, by destruction of the catalytic subunit of the multimeric complex or by both. Other functions of multimeric protein association and activity also can be targeted in order to disrupt a metabolic reaction of the invention. Such other functions are well known to those skilled in the art. Further, some or all of the functions of a single polypeptide or multimeric complex can be disrupted according to the invention in order to reduce or abolish the catalytic activity of one or more enzymes involved in a reaction or metabolic modification of the invention. Similarly, some or all of enzymes involved in a reaction or metabolic modification of the invention can be disrupted so long as the targeted reaction is reduced or eliminated.

[0271] Given the teachings and guidance provided herein, those skilled in the art also will understand that an enzymatic reaction can be disrupted by reducing or eliminating reactions encoded by a common gene and/or by one or more orthologs of that gene exhibiting similar or substantially the same activity. Reduction of both the common gene and all orthologs can lead to complete abolishment of any catalytic activity of a targeted reaction. However, disruption of either the common gene or one or more orthologs can lead to a reduction in the catalytic activity of the targeted reaction sufficient to promote coupling of growth to product biosynthesis. Exemplified herein are both the common genes encoding catalytic activities for a variety of metabolic modifications as well as their orthologs. Those skilled in the art will understand that disruption of some or all of the genes encoding a enzyme of a targeted metabolic reaction can be practiced in the methods of the invention and incorporated into the non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention in order to achieve the growth-coupled product production. Examplary disruptions to confer increased production of adipate, 6-ACA and/or HMDA are described in Example XXX and Tables 14-16.

[0272] Employing the methods exemplified above, the methods of the invention allow the construction of cells and organisms that increase production of a desired product, for example, by coupling the production of a desired product to growth of the cell or organism engineered to harbor the identified genetic alterations. As disclosed herein, metabolic alterations have been identified that couple the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid to growth of the organism. Microbial organism strains constructed with the identified metabolic alterations produce elevated levels, relative to the absence of the metabolic alterations, of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid during the exponential growth phase. These strains can be beneficially used for the commercial production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid in continuous fermentation process without being subjected to the negative selective pressures described previously. Although exemplified herein as metabolic alterations, in particular one or more gene disruptions, that confer growth coupled production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, it is understood that any gene disruption that increases the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolac-

tam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be introduced into a host microbial organism, as desired.

[0273] Therefore, the methods of the invention provide a set of metabolic modifications that are identified by an in silico method such as OptKnock. The set of metabolic modifications can include functional disruption of one or more metabolic reactions including, for example, disruption by gene deletion. For 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid production, metabolic modifications can be selected from the set of metabolic modifications listed in Tables 14-16 (see Example XXX).

[0274] Also provided is a method of producing a non-naturally occurring microbial organisms having stable growth-coupled production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. The method can include identifying in silico a set of metabolic modifications that increase production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, for example, increase production during exponential growth; genetically modifying an organism to contain the set of metabolic modifications that increase production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, and culturing the genetically modified organism. If desired, culturing can include adaptively evolving the genetically modified organism under conditions requiring production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. The methods of the invention are applicable to bacterium, yeast and fungus as well as a variety of other cells and microorganism, as disclosed herein.

[0275] Thus, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism comprising one or more gene disruptions that confer increased production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. In one embodiment, the one or more gene disruptions confer growth-coupled production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, and can, for example, confer stable growth-coupled production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. In another embodiment, the one or more gene disruptions can confer obligatory coupling of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid production to growth of the microbial organism. Such one or more gene disruptions reduce the activity of the respective one or more encoded enzymes.

[0276] The non-naturally occurring microbial organism can have one or more gene disruptions included in a metabolic modification listed in Tables 14-16. As disclosed herein, the one or more gene disruptions can be a deletion. Such non-naturally occurring microbial organisms of the invention include bacteria, yeast, fungus, or any of a variety of other microorganisms applicable to fermentation processes, as disclosed herein.

[0277] Thus, the invention provides a non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising one or more gene disruptions, where the one or more gene disruptions occur in genes encoding proteins or enzymes where the one or more gene disruptions confer increased production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid in the organism. The production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be growth-coupled or not growth-coupled. In a particular embodiment, the production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid can be obligatorily coupled to growth of the organism, as disclosed herein.

[0278] The invention provides non naturally occurring microbial organisms having genetic alterations such as gene disruptions that increase production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid, for example, growth-coupled production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid. Product production can be, for example, obligatorily linked to the exponential growth phase of the microorganism by genetically altering the metabolic pathways of the cell, as disclosed herein. The genetic alterations can increase the production of the desired product or even make the desired product an obligatory product during the growth phase. Sets of metabolic alterations or transformations that result in increased production and elevated levels of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid biosynthesis are exemplified in Tables 14-16 (see Example XXX). Each alteration within a set corresponds to the requisite metabolic reaction that should be functionally disrupted. Functional disruption of all reactions within each set can result in the increased production of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid by the engineered strain during the growth phase. The corresponding reactions to the referenced alterations can be found in Tables 14-16 (see Example XXX), and the gene or genes that encode enzymes or proteins that carry out the reactions are set forth in Tables 14-16.

[0279] For example, for each strain exemplified in Tables 14-16, the metabolic alterations that can be generated for 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid production are shown in each row. These alterations include the functional disruption of the reactions shown in Tables 14-16. Each of these non-naturally occurring alterations result in increased production and an enhanced level of 6-aminocaproic acid, caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine or levulinic acid production, for example, during the exponential growth phase of the microbial organism, compared to a strain that does not contain such metabolic alterations, under appropriate culture conditions. Appropriate conditions include, for example, those disclosed herein, including conditions such as particular carbon sources or reactant availabilities and/or adaptive evolution.

[0280] It is understood that modifications which do not substantially affect the activity of the various embodiments of this invention are also provided within the definition of the invention provided herein. Accordingly, the following examples are intended to illustrate but not limit the present invention.

Example I

Reverse Adipate Degradation Pathway

[0281] This example describes an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway via a reverse adipate degradation pathway.

[0282] Organisms such as *Penicillium chrysogenum* have the ability to naturally degrade adipate (Thykaer et al., *Metab. Eng.* 4:151-158. (2002)). The mechanism is similar to the oxidation of fatty acids (see FIG. **1**). The first step in adipate degradation is an ATP-dependent reaction that activates adipate with CoA. The second reaction is catalyzed by a dehydrogenase that forms 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA from adipyl-CoA. During peroxisomal adipate degradation, the

dehydrogenase enzyme contains FAD, which accepts the electrons and then transfers them directly to oxygen. A catalase enzyme dissipates the H_2O_2 formed by the reduction of oxygen. In mitochondrial fatty acid oxidation, the FAD from the dehydrogenase transfers electrons directly to the electron transport chain. A multi-functional fatty acid oxidation protein in eukaryotes such as *S. cerevisiae* and *P. chrysogenum* carries out the following hydratase and dehydrogenase steps. The final step is an acyl transferase that splits 3-oxoadipyl CoA into acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA.

[0283] A highly efficient pathway for the production of adipate is achieved through genetically altering a microorganism such that similar enzymatic reactions are employed for adipate synthesis from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA (see FIG. **2**). Successful implementation of this entails expressing the appropriate genes, tailoring their expression, and altering culture conditions so that high acetyl-CoA, succinyl-CoA, and/or redox (for example, NADH/NAD+) ratios will drive the metabolic flux through this pathway in the direction of adipate synthesis rather than degradation. Strong parallels to butyrate formation in *Clostridia* (Kanehisa and Goto, *Nucl. Acids Res.* 28:27-30 (2000)) support that each step in the adipate synthesis pathway is thermodynamically feasible with reaction directionality governed by the concentrations of the participating metabolites. The final step, which forms adipate from adipyl-CoA, can take place either via a synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/kinase, transferase, or hydrolase mechanism.

[0284] The maximum theoretical yields of adipate using this pathway were calculated both in the presence and absence of an external electron acceptor such as oxygen. These calculations show that the pathway can efficiently transform glucose into adipate and CO_2 under anaerobic conditions with a 92% molar yield (Table 1). The production of adipate using this pathway does not require the uptake of oxygen as NAD+ can be regenerated in the two hydrogenase steps that form 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA and adipyl-CoA (see FIG. **2**). Further, the pathway is favorable energetically as up to 1.55 moles of ATP are formed per mole of glucose consumed at the maximum theoretical yield of adipate assuming either a synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/kinase, or transferase mechanism for the final conversion step. The ATP yield can be further improved to 2.47 moles of ATP produced per mole of glucose if phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK) is assumed to function in the ATP-generating direction towards oxaloacetate formation. Maximum ATP yield calculations were then performed assuming that the adipyl-CoA to adipate transformation is a hydrolysis step. This reduces the maximum ATP yields at maximum adipate production to 0.85 and 1.77 mole ATP per mole glucose consumed if PPCK is assumed irreversible and reversible, respectively. Nevertheless, these ATP yields are sufficient for cell growth, maintenance, and production.

TABLE 1

The maximum theoretical yields of adipate and the associated ATP yields per mole of glucose using the reverse degradation pathway assuming the final step in the pathway is a synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/kinase, or transferase.

	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.92	0.92
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield	1.55	1.55

TABLE 1-continued

The maximum theoretical yields of adipate and the associated ATP yields per mole of glucose using the reverse degradation pathway assuming the final step in the pathway is a synthetase, phosphotransadipylase/kinase, or transferase.

	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield PPCK assumed	2.47	2.47

[0285] Successfully engineering this pathway involves identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity. This entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation. To engineer a production host for the production of adipate, one or more exogenous DNA sequence(s) are expressed in a suitable host microorganism. In addition, the microorganisms can have endogenous gene(s) functionally deleted. These modifications allow the production of adipate using renewable feedstock.

[0286] Below is described a number of biochemically characterized candidate genes that encode enzymes that catalyze each step of the reverse adipate degradation pathway in a production host. Although described using *E. coli* as a host organism to engineer the pathway, essentially any suitable host organism can be used. Specifically listed are genes that are native to *E. coli* as well as genes in other organisms that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations when properly cloned and expressed.

[0287] Referring to FIG. **2**, step 1 involves succinyl CoA: acetyl CoA acyl transferase (β-ketothiolase). The first step in the pathway combines acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA to form 3-oxoadipyl-CoA. The gene products encoded by pcaF in *Pseudomonas* strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184: 207-215 (2002)), phaD in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)), paaE in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Gennaro et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 188:117-125 (2007)), and paaJ from *E. coli* (Nogales et al., *Microbiol.* 153:357-365 (2007)) catalyze the conversion of 3-oxoadipyl-CoA into succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA during the degradation of aromatic compounds such as phenylacetate or styrene. Since β-ketothiolase enzymes catalyze reversible transformations, these enzymes can be employed for the first step in adipate synthesis shown in FIG. **2**. For example, the ketothiolase phaA from *R. eutropha* combines two molecules of acetyl-CoA to form acetoacetyl-CoA (Sato et al., *J. Biosci. Bioengineer.* 103:38-44 (2007)). Similarly, a β-keto thiolase (bktB) has been reported to catalyze the condensation of acetyl-CoA and propionyl-CoA to form β-ketovaleryl-CoA (Slater et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 180: 1979-1987 (1998)) in *R. eutropha*. Additional candidates are found in *Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD. The protein sequences for the above-mentioned gene products are well known in the art and can be accessed in the public databases such as GenBank using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaJ	16129358	NP_415915.1	*Escherichia coli*
pcaF	17736947	AAL02407	*Pseudomonas knackmussii* (B13)
phaD	3253200	AAC24332.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaE	106636097	ABF82237.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
Bamb_0447	115350501	YP_772340	*Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD

[0288] These exemplary sequences can be used to identify homologue proteins in GenBank or other databases through sequence similarity searches (for example, BLASTp). The resulting homologue proteins and their corresponding gene sequences provide additional exogenous DNA sequences for transformation into *E. coli* or other suitable host microorganisms to generate production hosts.

[0289] For example, orthologs of paaJ from *Escherichia coli* K12 can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
152970031	YP_001335140.1	*Klebsiella pneumoniae*
157371321	YP_001479310.1	*Serratia proteamaculans*
3253200	AAC24332.1	*Pseudomonas putida*

[0290] Example orthologs of pcaF from *Pseudomonas knackmussii* can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
4530443	AAD22035.1	*Streptomyces* sp. 2065
24982839	AAN67000.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
115589162	ABJ15177.1	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Additional native candidate genes for the ketothiolase step include atoB, which can catalyze the reversible condensation of 2 acetyl-CoA molecules (Sato et al., *J. Biosci. Bioengineer.* 103:38-44 (2007)), and its homolog yqeF. Non-native gene candidates include phaA (Sato et al., supra, 2007) and bktB (Slater et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 180:1979-1987 (1998)) from *R. eutropha*, and the two ketothiolases, thiA and thiB, from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (Winzer et al., *J. Mol. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 2:531-541 (2000)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
atoB	16130161	NP_416728.1	*Escherichia coli*
yqeF	90111494	NP_417321.2	*Escherichia coli*
phaA	113867452	YP_725941	*Ralstonia eutropha*
bktB	3046397	AAC38322.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*

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Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
thiA	15896127	NP_349476.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
thiB	15004782	NP_149242.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*

[0291] It is less desirable to use the thiolase-encoding genes fadA and fadB, genes in fatty acid degradation pathway in *E. coli*, in this exemplary pathway. These genes form a complex that encodes for multiple activities, most of which are not desired in this pathway.

[0292] Referring to FIG. **2**, step 2 involves 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase. The second step in the pathway involves the reduction of 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA. The gene products encoded by phaC in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)) and paaC in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Gennaro et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 188:117-125 (2007)) catalyze the reverse reaction, that is, the oxidation of 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to form 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, during the catabolism of phenylacetate or styrene. The reactions catalyzed by such dehydrogenases are reversible and accordingly these genes represent candidates to carry out the second step of adipate synthesis as shown in FIG. **2**. A similar transformation is also carried out by the gene product of hbd in *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., *Metab. Eng.* (epub Sep. 14, 2007); Boynton et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996)). This enzyme converts acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA. Lastly, given the proximity in *E. coli* of paaH to other genes in the phenylacetate degradation operon (Nogales et al., *Microbiol.* 153:357-365 (2007)) and the fact that paaH mutants cannot grow on phenylacetate (Ismail et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003)), it is expected that the *E. coli* paaH gene encodes a 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase. The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaH	16129356	NP_415913.1	*Escherichia coli*
phaC	26990000	NP_745425.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaC	106636095	ABF82235.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
hbd	15895965	NP_349314.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*

[0293] Referring to FIG. **2**, step 3 involves 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase. The gene product of crt from *C. acetobutylicum* catalyzes the dehydration of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA (see FIG. **2**) (Atsumi et al., supra, 2007; Boynton et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996)). Homologs of this gene are strong candidates for carrying out the third step in the adipate synthesis pathway exemplified in FIG. **2**. In addition, genes known to catalyze the hydroxylation of double bonds in enoyl-CoA compounds represent additional candidates given the reversibility of such enzymatic transformations. For example, the enoyl-CoA hydratases, phaA and phaB, of *P. putida* are believed to carry out the hydroxylation of double bonds during phenylacetate catabolism (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)) and thus represent additional candidates for incorporation into *E. coli*. The deletion of these

genes precludes phenylacetate degradation in *P. putida*. The paaA and paaB from *P. fluorescens* catalyze analogous transformations (Olivera et al., supra, 1998). Lastly, a number of *Escherichia coli* genes have been shown to demonstrate enoyl-CoA hydratase functionality including maoC (Park and Lee, *J. Bacteriol.* 185:5391-5397 (2003)), paaF (Ismail et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003); Park and Lee, *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 86:681-686 (2004); Park and Lee, *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol.* 113-116:335-346 (2004)), and paaG (Ismail et al., supra, 2003; Park and Lee, supra, 2004; Park and Lee, supra, 2004). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
maoC	16129348	NP_415905.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaF	16129354	NP_415911.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaG	16129355	NP_415912.1	*Escherichia coli*
cr	15895969	NP_349318.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
paaA	26990002	NP_745427.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaB	26990001	NP_745426.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
phaA	106636093	ABF82233.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
phaB	106636094	ABF82234.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0294] Alternatively, beta-oxidation genes are candidates for the first three steps in adipate synthesis. Candidate genes for the proposed adipate synthesis pathway also include the native fatty acid oxidation genes of *E. coli* and their homologs in other organisms. The *E. coli* genes fadA and fadB encode a multienzyme complex that exhibits ketoacyl-CoA thiolase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and enoyl-CoA hydratase activities (Yang et al., *Biochem.* 30:6788-6795 (1991); Yang et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:10424-10429 (1990); Yang et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 266: 16255 (1991); Nakahigashi and Inokuchi, *Nucl. Acids Res.* 18: 4937 (1990)). These activities are mechanistically similar to the first three transformations shown in FIG. **2**. The fadl and fadJ genes encode similar functions and are naturally expressed only anaerobically (Campbell et al., *Mol. Microbiol.* 47:793-805 (2003)). These gene products naturally operate to degrade short, medium, and long chain fatty-acyl-CoA compounds to acetyl-CoA, rather than to convert succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA into 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA as proposed in FIG. **2**. However, it is well known that the ketoacyl-CoA thiolase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and enoyl-CoA hydratase enzymes catalyze reversible transformations. Furthermore, directed evolution and related approaches can be applied to tailor the substrate specificities of the native beta-oxidation machinery of *E. coli*. Thus these enzymes or homologues thereof can be applied for adipate production. If the native genes operate to degrade adipate or its precursors in vivo, the appropriate genetic modifications are made to attenuate or eliminate these functions. However, it may not be necessary since a method for producing poly[(R)-3-hydroxybutyrate] in *E. coli* that involves activating fadB, by knocking out a negative regulator, fadR, and co-expressing a non-native ketothiolase, phaA from Ralstonia eutropha, has been described (Sato et al., *J. Biosci. Bioeng.* 103:38-44 (2007)). This work clearly demonstrated that a beta-oxidation enzyme, in particular the gene product of fadB which encodes both 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase and enoyl-CoA hydratase activities, can function as part of a pathway to produce longer chain molecules from acetyl-CoA precursors. The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadA	49176430	YP_026272.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadB	16131692	NP_418288.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadI	16130275	NP_416844.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadJ	16130274	NP_416843.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadR	16129150	NP_415705.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0295] Referring to FIG. **2**, step 4 involves 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase. Whereas the ketothiolase, dehydrogenase, and enoyl-CoA hydratase steps are generally reversible, the enoyl-CoA reductase step is almost always oxidative and irreversible under physiological conditions (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). FadE catalyzes this likely irreversible transformation in *E. coli* (Campbell and Cronan, *J. Bacteriol.* 184:3759-3764 (2002)). The pathway requires an enzyme that can reduce a 2-enoyl-CoA intermediate, not one such as FadE that will only oxidize an acyl-CoA to a 2-enoyl-CoA compound. Furthermore, although it has been suggested that *E. coli* naturally possesses enzymes for enoyl-CoA reduction (Mizugaki et al., *J. Biochem.* 92:1649-1654 (1982); Nishimaki et al., *J. Biochem.* 95:1315-1321 (1984)), no *E. coli* gene possessing this function has been biochemically characterized.

[0296] One candidate gene for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the gene product of bcd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., supra, 2007; Boynton et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178: 3015-3024 (1996)), which naturally catalyzes the reduction of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA, a reaction similar in mechanism to the desired reduction of 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA in the adipate synthesis pathway. Activity of this enzyme can be enhanced by expressing bcd in conjunction with expression of the *C. acetobutylicum* etfAB genes, which encode an electron transfer flavoprotein. An additional candidate for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the mitochondrial enoyl-CoA reductase from *E. gracilis* (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). A construct derived from this sequence following the removal of its mitochondrial targeting leader sequence was cloned in *E. coli*, resulting in an active enzyme (Hoffmeister et al., supra, 2005). This approach is well known to those skilled in the art of expressing eukarytotic genes, particularly those with leader sequences that may target the gene product to a specific intracellular compartment, in prokaryotic organisms. A close homolog of this gene, TDE0597, from the prokaryote *Treponema denticola* represents a third enoyl-CoA reductase which has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Tucci and Martin, *FEBS Lett.* 581:1561-1566 (2007)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bcd	15895968	NP_349317.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfA	15895966	NP_349315.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfB	15895967	NP_349316.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
TER	62287512	Q5EU90.1	*Euglena gracilis*
TDE0597	42526113	NP_971211.1	*Treponema denticola*

[0297] Referring to FIG. **2**, step 5 involves adipyl-CoA synthetase (also referred to as adipate-CoA ligase), phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, adipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase, or adipyl-CoA hydrolase. From an energetic standpoint, it is desirable for the final step in the adipate synthesis pathway to be catalyzed by an enzyme or enzyme pair that can conserve the ATP equivalent stored in the thioester bond of adipyl-CoA. The product of the sucC and sucD genes of *E. coli*, or homologs thereof, can potentially catalyze the final transformation shown in FIG. **2** should they exhibit activity on adipyl-CoA. The sucCD genes naturally form a succinyl-CoA synthetase complex that catalyzes the formation of succinyl-CoA from succinate with the concaminant consumption of one ATP, a reaction which is reversible in vivo (Buck et al., *Biochem.* 24:6245-6252 (1985)). Given the structural similarity between succinate and adipate, that is, both are straight chain dicarboxylic acids, it is reasonable to expect some activity of the sucCD enzyme on adipyl-CoA. An enzyme exhibiting adipyl-CoA ligase activity can equivalently carry out the ATP-generating production of adipate from adipyl-CoA, here using AMP and PPi as cofactors, when operating in the opposite physiological direction as depicted in FIG. **1**. Exemplary CoA-ligases include the rat dicarboxylate-CoA ligase for which the sequence is yet uncharacterized (Vamecq et al., *Biochem. J.* 230:683-693 (1985)), either of the two characterized phenylacetate-CoA ligases from *P. chrysogenum* (Lamas-Maceiras et al., *Biochem. J.* 395, 147-155 (2005); Wang et al., *Biochem. Biophy. Res. Commun.* 360:453-458 (2007)), the phenylacetate-CoA ligase from *Pseudomonas putida* (Martinez-Blanco et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:7084-7090 (1990)), and the 6-carboxyhexanoate-CoA ligase from *Bacilis subtilis* (Bower et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178: 4122-4130 (1996)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
sucC	16128703	NP_415256.1	*Escherichia coli*
sucD	1786949	AAC73823.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0298] Another option, using phosphotransadipylase/adipate kinase, is catalyzed by the gene products of buk1, buk2, and ptb from *C. acetobutylicum* (Walter et al., *Gene* 134:107-111 (1993); Huang et al., *J. Mol. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 2:33-38 (2000)), or homologs thereof. The ptb gene encodes an enzyme that can convert butyryl-CoA into butyryl-phosphate, which is then converted to butyrate via either of the buk gene products with the concomitant generation of ATP. The analogous set of transformations, that is, conversion of adipyl-CoA to adipyl-phosphate followed by conversion of adipyl-phosphate to adipate, can be carried out by the buk1, buk2, and ptb gene products. The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ptb	15896327	NP_349676	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk1	15896326	NP_349675	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	20137415	Q97II1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*

[0299] Alternatively, an acetyltransferase capable of transferring the CoA group from adipyl-CoA to acetate can be applied. Similar transformations are catalyzed by the gene products of cat1, cat2, and cat3 of *Clostridium kluyveri* which have been shown to exhibit succinyl-CoA, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, and butyryl-CoA acetyltransferase activity, respectively (Sohling and Gottschalk, *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996); Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 105:2128-2133 (2008)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
cat1	729048	P38946.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat2	172046066	P38942.2	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat3	146349050	EDK35586.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0300] Finally, though not as desirable from an energetic standpoint, the conversion of adipyl-CoA to adipate can also be carried out by an acyl-CoA hydrolase or equivalently a thioesterase. The top *E. coli* gene candidate is tesB (Naggert et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 266:11044-11050 (1991)), which shows high similarity to the human acot8, which is a dicarboxylic acid acetyltransferase with activity on adipyl-CoA (Westin et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:38125-38132 (2005)). This activity has also been characterized in the rat liver (Deana, *Biochem. Int.* 26:767-773 (1992)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
tesB	16128437	NP_414986	*Escherichia coli*
acot8	3191970	CAA15502	*Homo sapiens*
acot8	51036669	NP_570112	*Rattus norvegicus*

[0301] Other native candidate genes include tesA (Bonner and Bloch, *J. Biol. Chem.* 247:3123-3133 (1972)), ybgC (Kuznetsova et al., *FEMS Microbiol. Rev.* 29:263-279 (2005); Zhuang et al., *FEBS Lett.* 516:161-163 (2002)), paal (Song et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 281:11028-11038 (2006)), and ybdB (Leduc et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 189:7112-7126 (2007)). The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
tesA	16128478	NP_415027	*Escherichia coli*
ybgC	16128711	NP_415264	*Escherichia coli*
paaI	16129357	NP_415914	*Escherichia coli*
ybdB	16128580	NP_415129	*Escherichia coli*

[0302] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of a reverse adipate degradation pathway.

Example II

Preparation of an Adipate Producing Microbial Organism Having a Reverse Degradation Pathway

[0303] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing adipate using the reverse degradation pathway.

[0304] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer a reverse adipate degradation pathway as shown in FIG. **2**. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing adipate. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0305] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce adipate, nucleic acids encoding the enzymes utilized in the reverse degradation pathway are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH(NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1), etfAB (349315.1 and 349316.1), and sucCD (NP_415256.1 and AAC73823.1) genes encoding 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase and adipyl-CoA synthetase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. The two sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for adipate synthesis via the reverse degradation pathway.

[0306] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of reverse degradation pathway genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce adipate is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0307] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional adipate synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0308] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of adipate. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of adipate. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates or the adipate product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the adipate producer to further increase production.

[0309] For large-scale production of adipate, the above reverse degradation pathway-containing organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

[0310] This example describes the preparation of an adipate producing microbial organism using a reverse degradation pathway.

Example III

Adipate Synthesis Through 3-Oxoadipate

[0311] This example describes an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway through 3-oxoadipate.

[0312] An additional pathway from that described in Examples I and II that uses acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA as precursors for adipate formation and passes through the metabolic intermediate, 3-oxoadipate, is shown in FIG. **3**. The initial two transformations in this pathway are the two terminal steps of the degradation pathway for aromatic and

choloroaromatic compounds operating in the reverse direction (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002); Nogales et al., *Microbiol.* 153:357-365 (2007); Ismail et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003)). Specifically, the first step forms 3-oxoadipyl CoA by the condensation of succinyl- and acetyl-CoA. The second step forms 3-oxoadipate and is reported to be reversible in *Pseudomonas* sp. Strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)).

[0313] The subsequent steps involve reduction of 3-oxoadipate to 3-hydroxyadipate (conversion of a keto group to hydroxyl group), dehydration of 3-hydroxyadipate to yield hexa-2-enedioate, and reduction of hexa-2-enedioate to form adipate. These steps of the pathway are analogous to the conversion of oxaloacetate into succinate via the reductive TCA cycle (see FIG. **4**). This supports the steps in the pathway being thermodynamically favorable subject to the presence of appropriate metabolite concentrations. The final reduction step can be carried out either biochemically or by employing a chemical catalyst to convert hexa-2-enedioate into adipate. Chemical hydrogenation can be performed using Pt catalyst on activated carbon as has been described in (Niu et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 18:201-211 (2002)).

[0314] The maximum theoretical yield of adipate using this pathway is 0.92 mole per mole glucose consumed, and oxygen is not required for attaining these yields (see Table 2). The associated energetics are identical to those of the reverse adipate pathway. Theoretically, ATP formation of up to 1.55 moles is observed per mole of glucose utilized through this pathway. The ATP yield improves to approximately 2.47 moles if phosphoenolpyruvate kinase (PPCK) is assumed to operate in the direction of ATP generation. Interestingly, the product yield can be increased further to 1 mole adipate per mole of glucose consumed if chemical hydrogenation is used for the last step and a 100% efficiency of catalysis is assumed. In this scenario, up to 1.95 moles of ATP are formed theoretically without assuming the reverse functionality of PPCK.

TABLE 2

The maximum theoretical yields of adipate and the associated ATP yields per mole of glucose using the 3-oxoadipate pathway.

	Final step enzymatic		Final step chemical hydrogenation	
	Aerobic	Anaerobic	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.92	0.92	1.00	1.00
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield	1.55	1.55	1.95	1.95

[0315] Successfully engineering this pathway involves identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity. This entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation. To engineer a production host for the production of adipate, one or more exogenous DNA sequence(s) can be expressed in a host microorganism. In addition, the host microorganism can have endogenous gene(s) functionally deleted. These modifications allow the production of adipate using renewable feedstock.

[0316] Described below are a number of biochemically characterized candidate genes capable of encoding enzymes that catalyze each step of the 3-oxoadipate pathway for adipate synthesis. Although this method is described for *E. coli*, one skilled in the art can apply these teachings to any other suitable host organism. Specifically, listed below are genes that are native to *E. coli* as well as genes in other organisms that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations when properly cloned and expressed.

[0317] Referring to FIG. **3**, step 1 involves succinyl CoA: acetyl CoA acyl transferase (β-ketothiolase). Gene candidates for this enzyme are listed above (FIG. **2**, step 1).

[0318] Referring to FIG. **3**, step 2 involves 3-oxoadipyl-CoA transferase. In this step, 3-oxoadipate is formed by the transfer of the CoA group from 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to succinate. This activity is reported in a two-unit enzyme encoded by pcal and pcaJ in *Pseudomonas* (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)). This enzyme catalyzes a reversible transformation. The protein sequences of exemplary gene products for subunit A of this complex can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pcaI	24985644	AAN69545.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaI	50084858	YP_046368.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaI	21224997	NP_630776.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*

[0319] The protein sequences of exemplary gene products for subunit B of this complex can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pcaJ	26990657	NP_746082.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaJ	21224996	NP_630775.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
pcaJ	141776	AAC37147.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1

[0320] Referring to FIG. **3**, step 3 involves 3-oxoadipate reductase. *E. coli* has several candidate alcohol dehydrogenases; two that have analogous functions are malate dehydrogenase (mdh) and lactate dehydrogenase (ldhA). While it has not been shown that these two enzymes have broad substrate specificities in *E. coli*, lactate dehydrogenase from Ralstonia eutropha has been shown to demonstrate high activities on substrates of various chain lengths such as lactate, 2-oxobutyrate, 2-oxopentanoate and 2-oxoglutarate (Steinbuchel and Schlegel, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 130:329-334 (1983)). An additional non-native enzyme candidate for this step is the mitochondrial 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (bdh) from the human heart which has been cloned and characterized (Marks et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:15459-15463 (1992)). This enzyme is particularly interesting in that it is a dehydrogenase that operates on a 3-hydroxyacid. Given that dehydrogenases are typically reversible, it is expected that this gene product, or a homlog thereof, will be capable of reducing a 3-oxoacid, for example, 3-oxoadipate, to the corresponding 3-hydroxyacid, for example, 3-hydroxyadipate. The protein sequences for each of these exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
mdh	1789632	AAC76268.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldhA	16129341	NP_415898.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldh	113866693	YP_725182.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
bdh	177198	AAA58352.1	*Homo sapiens*

[0321] Referring to FIG. **3**, step 4 involves 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase. In this reaction, 3-hydroxyadipate is dehydrated to hexa-2-enedioate. Although no direct evidence for this enzymatic transformation has been identified, most dehydratases catalyze the α,β-elimination of water. This involves activation of the α-hydrogen by an electron-withdrawing carbonyl, carboxylate, or CoA-thiol ester group and removal of the hydroxyl group from the β-position (Martins et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad.Sci. USA* 101:15645-15649 (2004); Buckel and Golding,. *FEMS Microbiol. Rev.* 22:523-541 (1998)). The protein sequences for exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acnA	166215073	P25516.3	*Escherichia coli*
fumB	33112655	P14407.2	*Escherichia coli*
ilvD	146451	AAA24013.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0322] Other good candidates for carrying out this function are the serine dehydratases. These enzymes catalyze a very similar transformation in the removal of ammonia from serine as required in this dehydration step. The protein sequence for exemplary gene product can be found using the following GI number and/or GenBank identifier:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
dsdA	2507445	P00926	*Escherichia coli*

[0323] Non-native gene candidates for this transformation have been identified as well. For example, the multi-subunit L-serine dehydratase from *Peptostreptococcus* asaccharolyticus was shown to complement an *E. coli* strain deficient in L-serine dehydratase activity (Hofineister et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 179:4937-4941 (1997)). Further, a putative 2-(hydroxymethyl)glutarate dehydratase, encoded by the gene hmd in *Eubacterium barkeri* shows similarity to both α- and β-subunits of [4Fe-4S]-containing bacterial serine dehydratases (Alhapel et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 103:12341-12346 (2006)). The protein sequence for exemplary gene product can be found using the following GI number and/or GenBank identifier:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Hmd	86278275	ABC88407.1	*Eubacterium barkeri*

[0324] Referring to FIG. **3**, step 5 involves 2-enoate reductase. The final step in the 3-oxoadipate pathway is reduction of the double bond in hexa-3-enedioate to form adipate. Biochemically, this transformation can be catalyzed by 2-enoate reductase (EC 1.3.1.31) known to catalyze the NADH-dependent reduction of a wide variety of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids and aldehydes (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276: 5779-5787 (2001)). This enzyme is encoded by enr in several species of Clostridia (Giesel and Simon, *Arch. Microbiol.* 135:51-57 (1983)) including *C. tyrobutyricum* and *C. thermoaceticum* (now called *Moorella thermoaceticum*) (Rohdich, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). In the recently published genome sequence of *C. kluyveri,* 9 coding sequences for enoate reductases have been reported, out of which one has been characterized (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 105:2128-2133 (2008)). The enr genes from both *C. tyrobutyricum* and *C. thermoaceticum* have been cloned and sequenced and show 59% identity to each other. The former gene is also found to have approximately 75% similarity to the characterized gene in *C. kluyveri* (Giesel and Simon, *Arch. Microbiol.* 135:51-57 (1983)). It has been reported based on these sequence results that enr is very similar to the dienoyl CoA reductase in *E. coli* (fadH) (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). Several gene candidates thus exist for catalyzing this last step in the 3-oxoadipate pathway and have been listed below. The *C. thermoaceticum* enr gene has also been expressed in an enzymatically active form in *E. coli* (Rohdich et al., supra, 2001). The protein sequences for exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadH	16130976	NP_417552.1	*Escherichia coli*
enr	169405742	ACA54153.1	*Clostridium botulinum* A3 str
enr	2765041	CAA71086.1	*Clostridium tyrobutyricum*
enr	3402834	CAA76083.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0325] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of an 3-oxoadipate pathway.

Example IV

Preparation of an Adipate Producing Microbial Organism Having a 3-Oxoadipate Pathway

[0326] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing adipate using the 3-oxoadipate pathway.

[0327] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the 3-oxoadipate pathway as shown in FIG. **3**. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing adipate. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0328] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce adipate, nucleic acids encoding the enzymes utilized in the 3-oxoadipate pathway are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), pcaIJ (AAN69545.1 and NP_746082.1), and bdh (AAA58352.1) genes encoding the succinyl-

CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA transferase, and 3-oxoadipate reductase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the acnA (P25516.3) and enr (ACA54153.1) genes encoding 3-hydroxyadipate dehydratase and 2-enoate reductase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. The two sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for adipate synthesis via the 3-oxoadipate pathway.

[0329] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the 3-oxoadipate pathway genes for adipate synthesis is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce adipate is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0330] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional adipate synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0331] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of adipate. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of adipate. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates or the adipate product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the adipate producer to further increase production.

[0332] For large-scale production of adipate, the 3-oxoadipate pathway-containing organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at around a pH of 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

[0333] This example describes the preparation of an adipate-producing microbial organism containing a 3-oxidoadipate pathway.

Example V

Adipate Synthesis via cis,cis-Muconic Acid

[0334] This example describes an adipate synthesis pathway previously described (see Niu et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 18(2): p. 201-11. 2002; Frost et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,487,987, issued Jan. 30, 1996).

[0335] Adipate synthesis via a combined biological and chemical conversion process has been previously described. (Niu et al., *Biotechnol. Prog.* 18:201-211 (2002)) and is shown in FIG. **5**. This method is further described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,487,987. Adipate synthesis through this route entails introduction of three heterologous genes into *E. coli* that can convert dehydroshikimate into cis,cis-muconic acid (Niu et al., supra, 2002). A final chemical hydrogenation step leads to the formation of adipic acid. In this step, the pretreated fermentation broth that contained 150 mM cis,cis-muconate was mixed with 10% platinum (Pt) on activated carbon. The hydrogenation reaction was carried out at 3400 KPa of hydrogen pressure for two and a half hour at 250° C. with stirring. The calculated adipate yields are shown in Table 3 assuming either an enzymatic or chemical catalysis step is utilized to convert cis,cis-muconate into adipate. Under aerobic conditions, an 85% molar yield of adipate can be obtained if a chemical reaction is employed for hydrogenation and a 75% molar yield is obtained if an NADH-based hydrogenase is used.

TABLE 3

The maximum theoretical yields of adipate per mole of glucose using the using the cis,cis-muconic acid pathway.

	Final step enzymatic		Final step chemical hydrogenation	
	Aerobic	Anaerobic	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.75	0.00	*0.85*	0.00

[0336] Although this is an exemplary method, there are disadvantages of this method compared to others, such as those described in Examples I-IV. For example, the first limitation of this method is the lower theoretical yields compared to the reverse adipate degradation and 3-oxoadipate pathways. The second limitation is that the ATP yields of this pathway are negligible. A third limitation of this pathway is

that it involves a dioxygenase, necessitating a supply of oxygen to the bioreactor and precluding the option of anaerobic fermentation.

[0337] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of a cis,cis-muconic acid pathway

Example VI

Adipate Synthesis via Alpha-Ketoadipate

[0338] This example describes an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway via an alpha-ketoadipate pathway.

[0339] Alpha-keto adipate is a known intermediate in lysine biosynthesis in *S. cerevisiae*, and this information was used to identify an additional pathway for adipic acid biosynthesis (see FIG. **6**). Conversion of alpha-ketoglutarate to alpha-ketoadipate is catalyzed by homocitrate synthase, homoaconitase, and homoisocitrate dehydrogenase as indicated by dashed arrows in FIG. **6**. Conversion of alpha-ketoadipate into alpha-hydroxyadipate can be catalyzed by 2-ketoadipate reductase, an enzyme reported to be found in rat and in human placenta (Suda et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 176:610-620 (1976); Suda et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 77:586-591 (1977). Subsequent steps involve a dehydratase for the conversion of alpha-hydroxyadipate into hexa-2-enedioate followed by its reduction to adipic acid. This last step can be catalyzed either by an enzyme or can take place through a chemical reaction as described in Example II. Genes encoding the enzymes for the alpha-ketoadipate pathway are identified as described in Examples I-IV.

[0340] The adipate yields associated with this pathway are shown in Table 4. Because of the loss of two CO_2 molecules during the conversion of acetyl-CoA to adipate, only 67% of the glucose can be converted into adipate. This is reflected in the molar yields for this pathway under aerobic conditions. The yields are further reduced in the absence of oxygen uptake. Also since the maximum ATP yields under anaerobic conditions are negligible, the engineered organism will have to utilize additional substrate to form energy for cell growth and maintenance under such conditions.

TABLE 4

The maximum theoretical yields of adipate and the associated ATP yields per mole of glucose using the using the alpha-ketoadipate pathway.

	Final step enzymatic		Final step chemical hydrogenation	
	Aerobic	Anaerobic	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.67	0.45	0.67	0.40
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield	6.17	0.00	7.50	0.00

[0341] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of an alpha-ketoadipate pathway.

Example VII

Adipate Synthesis via Lysine Degradation

[0342] This example describes an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway via a lysine degradation pathway.

[0343] Two additional pathways for adipate synthesis rely on lysine degradation to form adipate. One pathway starts from alpha-ketoglutarate to form lysine (pathway non-native to *E. coli* and found in *S. cerevisiae*), and the other uses aspartate as a starting point for lysine biosynthesis (pathway native to *E. coli*). FIG. **7** shows adipate formation from lysine. The maximum theoretical yields for adipate, both in the presence and absence of oxygen, using the *E. coli* stoichiometric model are shown in Tables 5 and 6, with alpha-ketoglutarate and aspartate as the respective starting points for lysine. The maximum ATP yields accompanying these theoretical yields were also calculated and are shown in the same tables. These yields are lower in comparison to the other pathways described in Examples I-IV. Genes encoding the enzymes for the alpha-ketoadipate pathway are identified as described in Examples I-IV.

TABLE 5

The maximum theoretical yield of adipate and the accompanying ATP yield per mole of glucose assuming the lysine biosynthesis pathway with alpha-ketoglutarate as a starting point.

	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.40	0.20
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield	5.60	0.00

TABLE 6

The maximum theoretical yield of adipate and the accompanying ATP yield per mole of glucose assuming the lysine biosynthesis pathway with aspartate as a starting point.

	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Adipate Yield	0.50	0.34
Max ATP yield @ max adipate yield	0.50	0.04

[0344] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of a lysine degradation pathway.

Example VIII

Production of Caprolactam and 6-Aminocaproic Acid via Adipyl-CoA

[0345] This example describes an exemplary caprolactam and/or 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis pathway via an adipyl-CoA pathway.

[0346] An exemplary pathway for forming caprolactam and/or 6-aminocaproic acid using adipyl-CoA as the precursor is shown in FIG. **8**. The pathway involves a CoA-dependant aldehyde dehydrogenase that can reduce adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde and a transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase that can transform this molecule into 6-aminocaproic acid. The terminal step that converts 6-aminocaproate into caprolactam can be accomplished either via an amidohydrolase or via chemical conversion (Guit and Buijs, U.S. Pat. No. 6,353,100, issued Mar. 7, 2002; Wolters et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,700,934, issued Dec. 23, 1997; Agterberg et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,660,857, issued Dec. 9, 2003). The maximum theoretical yield of caprolactam was calculated to be 0.8 mole per mole glucose consumed (see Table 7) assuming that the reverse adipate degradation pathway was complemented with the reaction scheme shown in FIG. **8**. The pathway is favorable energetically as up to 0.78 moles of ATP are formed per mole of glucose consumed at the maximum theoretical

yield of caprolactam. The ATP yield can be further improved to 1.63 moles of ATP produced per mole of glucose if phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK) is assumed to function in the ATP-generating direction towards oxaloacetate formation.

[0347] The final amidohydrolase step is energetically and redox neutral, and thus the product and ATP molar yields associated with 6-aminocaproic acid production are equivalent to those associated with caprolactam production. Thus one can alternatively envision a microorganism and associated fermentation process that forms 6-aminocaproic acid instead of caprolactam followed by an additional unit operation to dehydrate/cyclize 6-aminocaproic acid to caprolactam.

TABLE 7

The maximum theoretical yield of caprolactam and the accompanying ATP yield per mole of glucose assuming that the reverse fatty acid degradation pathway is complemented with the reaction scheme from FIG. 8.

	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Caprolactam Yield	0.80	0.80
Max ATP yield @ max Caprolactam yield	0.78	0.78
Max ATP yield @ max Caprolactam yield PPCK assumed	1.63	1.63

[0348] Successfully engineering this pathway involves identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity. This entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation. To engineer a production host for the production of 6-aminocaproic acid or caprolactam, one or more exogenous DNA sequence(s) can be expressed in a host microorganism. In addition, the microorganism can have endogenous gene(s) functionally deleted. These modifications will allow the production of 6-aminocaproate or caprolactam using renewable feedstock.

[0349] Below is described a number of biochemically characterized candidate genes capable of encoding enzymes that catalyze each step of the caprolactam formation pathway described in FIG. **8**. Although described for *E. coli*, one skilled in the art can apply these teachings to any other suitable host organism. Specifically, the genes listed are native to *E. coli* or are genes in other organisms that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations when properly cloned and expressed.

[0350] Referring to FIG. **8**, step 1 involves CoA-dependant aldehyde dehydrogenase. Exemplary genes that encode enzymes for catalyzing the reduction of an acyl-coA to its corresponding aldehyde include the *Acinetobacter* calcoaceticus acrl encoding a fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Reiser and Somerville, *J. Bacteriol.* 179:2969-2975 (1997)), the *Acinetobacter* sp. M-1 fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Ishige et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 68:1192-1195 (2002)) and the sucD gene from *Clostridium kluyveri* (Sohling and Gottschalk, *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)), which can convert succinyl-CoA to succinate semialdehyde.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acr1	50086359	YP_047869.1	*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*
	18857901	BAB85476.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. Strain M-1
sucD	172046062	P38947.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0351] Referring to FIG. **8**, step 2 involves transaminase. The second step in the pathway is conversion of the 6-aldehyde to an amine. This transformation can likely be accomplished by gamma-aminobutyrate transaminase (GABA transaminase), a native enzyme encoded by gabT that transfers an amino group from glutamate to the terminal aldehyde of succinyl semialdehyde (Bartsch et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 172:7035-7042 (1990)). The gene product of puuE catalyzes another 4-aminobutyrate transaminase in *E. coli* (Kurihara et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4602-4608 (2005)). GABA transaminases in *Mus musculus, Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Sus scrofa* have been shown to react with 6-aminocaproic acid (Cooper, *Methods Enzymol.* 113:80-82 (1985); Scott and Jakoby, *J. Biol. Chem.* 234:932-936 (1959)). The protein sequences for exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gabT	16130576	NP_417148.1	*Escherichia coli*
puuE	16129263	NP_415818.1	*Escherichia coli*
abat	37202121	NP_766549.2	*Mus musculus*
gabT	70733692	YP_257332.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
abat	47523600	NP_999428.1	*Sus scrofa*

[0352] Referring to FIG. **8**, step 2 can alternatively involve 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase which comprises the reductive amination of adipate semialdehyde to form 6-aminocaproate. This transformation can be accomplished by lysine-6-dehydrogenase, which naturally converts L-lysine to 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde. Exemplary enzymes can be found in *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (Heydari et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 70(2):937-942 (2004)), *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Hashimoto et al., J. Biochem. (Tokyo), 106(1):76-80 (1989); Misono et al., *J. Biochem.* (Tokyo), 105(6):1002-1008 (1989)), and *Achromobacter denitrificans* (Ruldeekulthamrong et al., *BMB Reports* 790-795 (2008)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lysDH	13429872	BAB39707	*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*
lysDH	15888285	NP_353966	*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
lysDH	74026644	AAZ94428	*Achromobacter denitrificans*

[0353] Referring to FIG. **8**, step 3 involves amidohydrolase. The final step of caprolactam synthesis is cyclization of 6-aminocaproic acid. This transformation has not been characterized enzymatically but it is very similar to the cyclization of lysine by D-lysine lactamase (EC 3.5.2.11) from *Cryptococcus laurentii* (Fukumura et al., *FEBS Lett.* 89:298-300 (1978)). However, the protein and nucleotide sequences of

this enzyme are not currently known and, so far, lysine lactamase activity has not been demonstrated in other organisms.

[0354] Plasmids contained in several strains of *Pseudomonas* sp. isolated from soil have been shown to confer ability to grow on caprolactam as a sole carbon source (Boronin et al., *FEMS Microbiol. Lett.* 22:167-170 (1984)); however, associated gene or protein sequences have not been associated with this function to date.

[0355] The most closely related candidate enzyme with available sequence information is 6-aminohexanoate-cyclic dimer hydrolase, which has been characterized in *Pseudomonas* sp. and *Flavobacterium* sp. The nylB gene product from *Pseudomonas* sp NK87 was cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Kanagawa et al., *J. Gen. Microbiol.* 139:787-795 (1993)). The substrate specificity of the enzyme was tested in *Flavobacterium* sp K172 and was shown to react with higher-order oligomers of 6-aminohexanoate but not caprolactam (Kinoshita et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 116:547-551 (1981)). The reversibility and ability of 6-aminohexanoate dimer hydrolases in other organisms to react with the desired substrate in the direction of interest can be further tested. The protein sequences for exemplary gene products can be found using the following GI numbers and/or GenBank identifiers:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
nylB	148711	AAA24929.1	*Pseudomonas* sp NK87
nylB	129000	P13397	*Flavobacterium* sp K172
nylB	119961013	YP_949627.1	*Arthrobacter aurescens* TC1

[0356] The above description provides an exemplary pathway to produce caprolactam and/or 6-aminocaproic acid by way of an adipyl-CoA pathway.

Example IX

Preparation of a 6-Aminocaproate or Caprolactam Producing Microbial Organism Having a 3-Oxoadipate Pathway

[0357] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing adipate using the reverse degradation pathway and converting the intracellular adipate to 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam.

[0358] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the necessary genes for adipate, 6-aminocaproate, and/or caprolactam synthesis (see FIG. **2** and FIG. **8**). *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing adipate, 6-aminocaproate, and/or caprolactam. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0359] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam, nucleic acids encoding the enzymes utilized in the reverse adipate degradation pathway and 6-aminocaproate or caprolactam synthesis pathways are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the succinyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA acyl transferase, 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase, and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1), etfAB (349315.1 and 349316.1), and sucCD (NP_415256.1 and AAC73823.1) genes encoding 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase and adipyl-CoA synthetase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the acrl (YP_047869.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and nylB (AAA24929.1) genes encoding CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase, transaminase, and amidohydrolase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam synthesis.

[0360] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the 6-aminocaproate and caprolactam synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0361] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional pathway for the synthesis of 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0362] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the products. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, Nat. Genet. 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling,

genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam producer to further increase production.

[0363] For large-scale production of 6-aminocaproate and/or caprolactam, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at around a pH of 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example X

Adipate Synthesis Via 2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA

[0364] This example describes two exemplary adipate synthesis pathways proceeding from alpha-ketoadipate and passing through a 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA intermediate.

[0365] As described in example VI, alpha-ketoadipate is a known intermediate in lysine biosynthesis that can be formed from alpha-ketoglutarate via homocitrate synthase, homoaconitase, and homoisocitrate dehydrogenase. Alpha-ketoadipate can be converted to 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA by the two routes depicted in FIG. **9**. 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA can be subsequently dehydrated and reduced to adipyl-CoA which can then be converted to adipate as shown in FIG. **9**. The maximum yield of adipate from glucose via these pathways is 0.67 mol/mol.

[0366] Conversion of alpha-ketoadipate into 2-hydroxyadipate can be catalyzed by 2-ketoadipate reductase, an enzyme reported to be found in rat and in human placenta (Suda et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 176:610-620 (1976); Suda et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 77:586-591 (1977). Alternatively, enzymes capable of reducing alpha-ketoglutarate to 2-hydroxyglutarate may also show activity on alpha-ketoadipate, which is only one carbon atom longer. One such enzyme possessing alpha-ketoglutarate reductase activity is serA of *Escherichia coli* (Zhao and Winkler, *J. Bacteriol.* 178(1):232-9 (1996)). Additional exemplary enzymes can be found in *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Ho, et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 274(1):397-402 (1999)) and *Haemophilus influenzae*.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
serA	16130814	NP_417388.1	*Escherichia coli*
PGDH	18394525	NP_564034	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
serA	1173427	P43885	*Haemophilus influenzae*

[0367] Referring to FIG. **9**, 2-hydroxyadipate can likely be converted to 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA by the synthetases, transferases, phosphotransadipylases and kinases described in example I. Alternatively, enzymes with 2-hydroxyglutarate CoA-transferase or glutaconate CoA-transferase activity are likely suitable to transfer a CoA moiety to 2-hydroxyadipate. One example of such an enzyme is encoded by the gctA and gctB genes of *Acidaminococcus fermentans* (Buckel, et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 118(2):315-321 (1981); Mack, et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226(1):41-51 (1994)). Similarly, synthetase, transferase, or phosphotransadipylase and kinase activities would be required to convert alpha-ketoadipate into alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA, as depicted in FIG. **9**. Conversion of alpha-ketoadipyl-CoA to 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA can be carried out by an alpha-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase enzyme. A similar activity was reported in propionate-adapted *E. coli* cells whose extracts catalyzed the oxidation of lactyl-CoA to form pyruvyl-CoA (Megraw et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 90(4): 984-988 (1965)). Additional hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenases were described in example I.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gctA	3122155	Q59111	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
gctB	3122156	Q59112	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*

[0368] The dehydration of 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to form 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA can be carried out by a 2-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydratase. A 2-hydroxyglutaryl-CoA dehydratase system has been characterized in *Acidaminococcus fermentans* and requires both the hgdA and hgdB subunits and the activator protein, hgdC, for optimal activity (Dutscho et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 181(3):741-746 (1989); Locher et al. J. Mol. Biol. 307(1):297-308; Muller and Buckel, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 230(2):698-704 (2001); Schweiger et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 169(2):441-448 (1987)). This enzyme system is similar in mechanism to the lactoyl-CoA dehydratase from *Clostridium propionicum* (Hofineister and Buckel, *Eur. J. Biochem.* 206(2):547-552 (1992); Kuchta and Abeles, *J. Biol. Chem.* 260(24):13181-13189 (1985)). Homologs to hgdA, hgdB, and hgdC exist in several organisms.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hgdA	123112	P11569	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
hgdB	123113	P11570	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
hgdC	2506909	P11568	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
hgdA	225177593	ZP_03731126.1	*Clostridium* sp. M62/1
hgdB	225177592	ZP_03731125.1	*Clostridium* sp. M62/1
hgdC	225177594	ZP_03731127.1	*Clostridium* sp. M62/1
hgdA	19703552	NP_603114.1	*Fusobacterium nucleatum*
hgdB	19703553	NP_603115.1	*Fusobacterium nucleatum*
hgdC	19703551	NP_603113.1	*Fusobacterium nucleatum*

Conversion of 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipate is carried out by the enzymes described in Example I.

[0369] The above description provides an exemplary adipate synthesis pathway by way of a 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA pathway.

Example XI

Preparation of an Adipate Producing Microbial Organism Having a 2-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA Pathway

[0370] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing adipate using a 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA pathway.

[0371] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the necessary genes for adipate synthesis (see FIG. **9**). *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing adipate. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0372] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce adipate, nucleic acids encoding the enzymes utilized in a 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to adipate pathway are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the serA (NP_417388.1), gctA (Q59111), and gctB (Q59112) genes encoding the 2-hydroxyadipate dehydrogenase and 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the hgdA (P11569), hgdB (P11570), and hgdC (P11568) genes encoding 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase activity, respectively, are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Further, the bcd (NP_349317.1), etfAB (349315.1 and 349316.1), and sucCD (NP_415256.1 and AAC73823.1) genes encoding 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase and adipyl-CoA synthetase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for adipate synthesis.

[0373] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA pathway genes for adipate synthesis is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce adipate is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0374] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional adipate synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0375] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of adipate. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of adipate. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the alpha-ketoadipate intermediate or the adipate product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the adipate producer to further increase production.

[0376] For large-scale production of adipate, the 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA pathway-containing organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at around a pH of 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

[0377] This example describes the preparation of an adipate-producing microbial organism containing a 2-hydroxyadipyl-CoA pathway.

Example XII

Pathways for Production of Hexamethylenediamine, Caprolactam and 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0378] This example describes exemplary pathways for production of hexamethylenediamine, caprolactam and 6-aminocaproic acid.

[0379] Described below are various pathways leading to the production of caprolactam, hexamethylenediamine (HMDA), or 6-aminocaproate from common central metabolites. The first described pathway entails the activation of 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA by a transferase or synthase enzyme (FIG. **10**, Step Q or R) followed by the spontaneous cyclization of 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to form caprolactam (FIG. **10**, Step T). The second described pathway entails the activation of 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA (FIG. **10**, Step Q or R), followed by a reduction (FIG. **10**, Step U) and amination (FIG. **10**, Step V or W) to form HMDA. 6-Aminocaproic acid can alternatively be activated to 6-aminocaproyl-phosphate instead of 6-aminocaproyl-CoA. 6-Aminocaproyl-phosphate can spontaneously cyclize to form caprolactam. Alternatively, 6-aminocaproyl-phosphate can be reduced to 6-aminocaproate semialdehye, which can be then converted to HMDA as depicted in FIGS. **10** and **11**. In either this case, the amination reaction must occur relatively quickly to minimize the spontaneous forma-

tion of the cyclic imine of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde. Linking or scaffolding the participating enzymes represents a potentially powerful option for ensuring that the 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde intermediate is efficiently channeled from the reductase enzyme to the amination enzyme.

[0380] Another option for minimizing or even eliminating the formation of the cyclic imine or caprolactam during the conversion of 6-aminocaproic acid to HMDA entails adding a functional group (for example, acetyl, succinyl) to the amine group of 6-aminocaproic acid to protect it from cyclization. This is analogous to ornithine formation from L-glutamate in *Escherichia coli*. Specifically, glutamate is first converted to N-acetyl-L-glutamate by N-acetylglutamate synthase. N-Acetyl-L-glutamate is then activated to N-acetylglutamyl-phosphate, which is reduced and transaminated to form N-acetyl-L-ornithine. The acetyl group is then removed from N-acetyl-L-ornithine by N-acetyl-L-ornithine deacetylase forming L-ornithine. Such a route is necessary because formation of glutamate-5-phosphate from glutamate followed by reduction to glutamate-5-semialdehyde leads to the formation of (S)-1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate, a cyclic imine formed spontaneously from glutamate-5-semialdehyde. In the case of forming HMDA from 6-aminocaproic acid, the steps can involve acetylating 6-aminocaproic acid to acetyl-6-aminocaproic acid, activating the carboxylic acid group with a CoA or phosphate group, reducing, aminating, and deacetylating.

[0381] Note that 6-aminocaproate can be formed from various starting molecules. For example, the carbon backbone of 6-aminocaproate can be derived from succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA as depicted in FIG. **10** and also described in FIGS. **2**, **3** and **8**. Alternatively, 6-aminocaproate can be derived from alpha-ketoadipate, where alpha-ketoadipate is converted to adipyl-CoA (see FIG. **9**), and adipyl-CoA is converted to 6-aminocaproate as shown in FIG. **10**.

[0382] FIG. **11** provides two additional metabolic pathways to 6-aminocaproate or 6-aminocapropyl-CoA starting from 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA. The first route entails the condensation of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to form 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA (Step A) followed by a reduction (Step B), dehydration (Step C), and reduction (Step D) to form 6-aminocaproyl-CoA. 6-Aminocaproyl-CoA can be converted to 6-aminocaproate by a transferase (Step K), synthase (Step L), or hydrolase (Step M) enzyme. Alternatively, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA can be converted to caprolactam by spontaneous cyclization (Step Q) or to HMDA following its reduction (Step N) and amination (Step O or P). The second pathway described in FIG. **11** entails the condensation of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to form 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA (Step A) which is then converted to 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate by a transferase (Step E), synthase (Step F), or hydrolase (Step G). 3-Oxo-6-aminohexanoate is then reduced (Step H), dehydrated (Step I), and reduced (Step J) to form 6-aminocaproate.

[0383] The starting molecule, 4-aminobutyryl-CoA, can be formed from various common central metabolites. For example, glutamate can be decarboxylated to 4-aminobutyrate, which is then activated by a CoA-transferase or synthase to 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. Alternatively, succinate semialdehyde, formed from either the reduction of succinyl-CoA or the decarboxylation of alpha-ketoglutarate, can be transaminated to 4-aminobutyrate prior to activation by a CoA-transferase or synthase to form 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. It is noted that 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and several of the intermediates of the 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA pathway may spontaneously cyclize to their corresponding lactams. Thus, adding a protective functional group to the terminal amine group of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and/or several of the amino-CoA intermediates can be used to minimize the formation of unwanted cyclic byproducts. In this case, the same general set of transformations depicted in FIG. **11** would apply, although two additional steps, for example, an acetylase and deacetylase, can be added to the pathway.

[0384] All transformations depicted in FIGS. **10-11** fall into the 12 general categories of transformations shown in Table 8. Below is described a number of biochemically characterized candidate genes in each category. Specifically listed are genes that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations in FIGS. **10-11** when cloned and expressed.

TABLE 8

Enzyme types for conversion of succinyl-CoA, acetyl-CoA, and/or 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-amino-caproate, caprolactam, and/or hexamethylenediamine. The first three digits of each label correspond to the first three Enzyme Commission number digits which denote the general type of transformation independent of substrate specificity.

Label	Function
1.1.1.a	Oxidoreductase (ketone to hydroxyl or aldehyde to alcohol)
1.2.1.b	Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde)
1.3.1.a	Oxidoreductase operating on CH—CH donors
1.4.1.a	Oxidoreductase operating on amino acids
2.3.1.b	Acyltransferase
2.6.1.a	Aminotransferase
2.8.3.a	Coenzyme-A transferase
3.1.2.a	Thiolester hydrolase (CoA specific)
4.2.1.a	Hydro-lyase
6.2.1.a	Acid-thiol ligase
6.3.1.a/6.3.2.a	Amide synthases/peptide synthases
No enzyme required	Spontaneous cyclization

[0385] 1.1.1.a Oxidoreductases. Four transformations depicted in FIGS. **10** and **11** require oxidoreductases that convert a ketone functionality to a hydroxyl group. Step B in both FIGS. **10** and **11** involves converting a 3-oxoacyl-CoA to a 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA. Step H in both FIGS. **1** and **2** involves converting a 3-oxoacid to a 3-hydroxyacid.

[0386] Exemplary enzymes that can convert 3-oxoacyl-CoA molecules such as 3-oxoadipyl-CoA and 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA into 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA molecules such as 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA and 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA, respectively, include enzymes whose natural physiological roles are in fatty acid beta-oxidation or phenylacetate catabolism. For example, subunits of two fatty acid oxidation complexes in *E. coli*, encoded by fadB and fadJ, function as 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenases (Binstock et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 71:403-411 (1981)). Furthermore, the gene products encoded by phaC in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)) and paaC in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Gennaro et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 188:117-125 (2007)) catalyze the reverse reaction of step B in FIG. **10**, that is, the oxidation of 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to form 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, during the catabolism of phenylacetate or styrene. Note that the reactions catalyzed by such enzymes are reversible. In addition, given the proximity in *E. coli* of paaH to other genes in the phenylacetate degradation operon (Nogales et al., *Microbiol-*

ogy 153:357-365 (2007)) and the fact that paaH mutants cannot grow on phenylacetate (Ismail et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003)), it is expected that the *E. coli* paaH gene encodes a 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadB	119811	P21177.2	*Escherichia coli*
fadJ	3334437	P77399.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaH	16129356	NP_415913.1	*Escherichia coli*
phaC	26990000	NP_745425.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaC	106636095	ABF82235.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0387] Additional exemplary oxidoreductases capable of converting 3-oxoacyl-CoA molecules to their corresponding 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA molecules include 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenases. The enzyme from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*, encoded by hbd, has been cloned and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Youngleson et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 171: 6800-6807 (1989)). Additional gene candidates include Hbd1 (C-terminal domain) and Hbd2 (N-terminal domain) in *Clostridium kluyveri* (Hillmer et al., *FEBS Lett.* 21:351-354 (1972)) and HSD17B10 in *Bos taurus* (Wakil et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 207:631-638 (1954)). Yet other gene candidates demonstrated to reduce acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA are phbB from *Zoogloea ramigera* (Ploux et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 174:177-182 (1988)) and phaB from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* (Alber et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 61:297-309 (2006)). The former gene candidate is NADPH-dependent, its nucleotide sequence has been determined (Peoples et al., *Mol. Microbiol.* 3:349-357 (1989)) and the gene has been expressed in *E. coli*. Substrate specificity studies on the gene led to the conclusion that it could accept 3-oxopropionyl-CoA as a substrate besides acetoacetyl-CoA (Ploux et al., supra).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hbd	18266893	P52041.2	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
Hbd2	146348271	EDK34807.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
Hbd1	146345976	EDK32512.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
HSD17B10	3183024	O02691.3	*Bos taurus*
phbB	130017	P23238.1	*Zoogloea ramigera*
phaB	146278501	YP_001168660.1	*Rhodobacter sphaeroides*

[0388] A number of similar enzymes have been found in other species of Clostridia and in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al., *Science* 318:1782-1786 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hbd	15895965	NP_349314.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
hbd	20162442	AAM14586.1	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
Msed_1423	146304189	YP_001191505	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_0399	146303184	YP_001190500	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_0389	146303174	YP_001190490	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_1993	146304741	YP_001192057	*Metallosphaera sedula*

[0389] Various alcohol dehydrogenases represent good candidates for converting 3-oxoadipate to 3-hydroxyadipate (step H, FIG. **10**) or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate to 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate (step H, FIG. **11**). Two such enzymes capable of converting an oxoacid to a hydroxyacid are encoded by the malate dehydrogenase (mdh) and lactate dehydrogenase (ldhA) genes in *E. coli*. In addition, lactate dehydrogenase from *Ralstonia eutropha* has been shown to demonstrate high activities on substrates of various chain lengths such as lactate, 2-oxobutyrate, 2-oxopentanoate and 2-oxoglutarate (Steinbuchel et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 130:329-334 (1983)). Conversion of alpha-ketoadipate into alpha-hydroxyadipate can be catalyzed by 2-ketoadipate reductase, an enzyme reported to be found in rat and in human placenta (Suda et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 176:610-620 (1976); Suda et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 77:586-591 (1977)). An additional candidate for these steps is the mitochondrial 3-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (bdh) from the human heart which has been cloned and characterized (Marks et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:15459-15463 (1992)). This enzyme is a dehydrogenase that operates on a 3-hydroxyacid. Another exemplary alcohol dehydrogenase converts acetone to isopropanol as was shown in *C. beijerinckii* (Ismaiel et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 175:5097-5105 (1993) and *T. brockii* (Lamed et al., *Biochem. J.* 195:183-190 (1981); Peretz et al., *Biochemistry* 28:6549-6555 (1989)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
mdh	1789632	AAC76268.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldhA	16129341	NP_415898.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldh	113866693	YP_725182.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
bdh	177198	AAA58352.1	*Homo sapiens*
adh	60592974	AAA23199.2	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
adh	113443	P14941.1	*Thermoanaerobacter brockii*

[0390] 1.2.1.b Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde). The transformations of adipyl-CoA to adipate semialdehyde (Step N, FIG. **10**) and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminoca-

proate semialdehyde (Step U, FIG. **10**; Step N, FIG. **11**) require acyl-CoA dehydrogenases capable of reducing an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde. Exemplary genes that encode such enzymes include the *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus acrl* encoding a fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Reiser et al., *J. Bacteriology* 179:2969-2975 (1997)), the *Acinetobacter* sp. M-1 fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Ishige et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 68:1192-1195 (2002)), and a CoA- and NADP-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase encoded by the sucD gene in *Clostridium kluyveri* (Sohling et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)). SucD of *P. gingivalis* is another succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (Takahashi et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 182:4704-4710 (2000)). The enzyme acylating acetaldehyde dehydrogenase in *Pseudomonas* sp, encoded by bphG, is yet another candidate as it has been demonstrated to oxidize and acylate acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, butyraldehyde, isobutyraldehyde and formaldehyde (Powlowski et al., *J Bacteriol.* 175:377-385 (1993)). In addition to reducing acetyl-CoA to ethanol, the enzyme encoded by adhE in *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* has been shown to oxidize the branched chain compound isobutyraldehyde to isobutyryl-CoA (Kazahaya et al., *J. Gen. Appl. Microbiol.* 18:43-55 (1972); Koo et al., *Biotechnol Lett.* 27:505-510 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acr1	50086359	YP_047869.1	*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*
acr1	1684886	AAC45217	*Acinetobacter baylyi*
acr1	18857901	BAB85476.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. Strain M-1
sucD	172046062	P38947.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
sucD	34540484	NP_904963.1	*Porphyromonas gingivalis*
bphG	425213	BAA03892.1	*Pseudomonas* sp
adhE	55818563	AAV66076.1	*Leuconostoc mesenteroides*

[0391] An additional enzyme type that converts an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde is malonyl-CoA reductase which transforms malonyl-CoA to malonic semialdehyde. Malonyl-CoA reductase is a key enzyme in autotrophic carbon fixation via the 3-hydroxypropionate cycle in thermoacidophilic archaeal bacteria (Berg et al., supra; Thauer R. K., *Science* 318:1732-1733 (2007)). The enzyme utilizes NADPH as a cofactor and has been characterized in *Metallosphaera* and *Sulfolobus* spp (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188: 8551-8559 (2006); Hugler et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002)). The enzyme is encoded by Msed 0709 in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Alber et al., supra; Berg et al., supra). A gene encoding a malonyl-CoA reductase from *Sulfolobus tokodaii* was cloned and heterologously expressed in *E. coli* (Alber et al., supra). This enzyme has also been shown to catalyze the conversion of methylmalonyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde (WO/2007/141208). Although the aldehyde dehydrogenase functionality of these enzymes is similar to the bifunctional dehydrogenase from Chloroflexus aurantiacus, there is little sequence similarity. Both malonyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates have high sequence similarity to aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme catalyzing the reduction and concurrent dephosphorylation of aspartyl-4-phosphate to aspartate semialdehyde. Additional gene candidates can be found by sequence homology to proteins in other organisms including *Sulfolobus solfataricus* and *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius* and have been listed below. Yet another candidate for CoA-acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase is the ald gene from *Clostridium beijerinckii* (Toth et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 65:4973-4980 (1999)). This enzyme has been reported to reduce acetyl-CoA and butyryl-CoA to their corresponding aldehydes. This gene is very similar to eutE that encodes acetaldehyde dehydrogenase of *Salmonella typhimurium* and *E. coli* (Toth et al., supra).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Msed_0709	146303492	YP_001190808.1	*Metallosphaera sedula*
mcr	15922498	NP_378167.1	*Sulfolobus tokodaii*
asd-2	15898958	NP_343563.1	*Sulfolobus solfataricus*
Saci_2370	70608071	YP_256941.1	*Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*
Ald	49473535	AAT66436	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
eutE	687645	AAA80209	*Salmonella typhimurium*
eutE	2498347	P77445	*Escherichia coli*

[0392] 1.3.1.a Oxidoreductase operating on CH—CH donors. Referring to FIG. **10**, step D refers to the conversion of 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA by 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase. Referring to FIG. **11**, step D refers to the conversion of 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA. Enoyl-CoA reductase enzymes are suitable enzymes for either transformation. One exemplary enoyl-CoA reductase is the gene product of bcd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Boynton et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996); Atsumi et al., *Metab. Eng.* 2008 10(6):305-311 (2008)(Epub Sep. 14, 2007), which naturally catalyzes the reduction of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA. Activity of this enzyme can be enhanced by expressing bcd in conjunction with expression of the *C. acetobutylicum* etfAB genes, which encode an electron transfer flavoprotein. An additional candidate for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the mitochondrial enoyl-CoA reductase from *E. gracilis* (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). A construct derived from this sequence following the removal of its mitochondrial targeting leader sequence was cloned in *E. coli* resulting in an active enzyme (Hoffmeister et al., supra). This approach is well known to those skilled in the art of expressing eukaryotic genes, particularly those with leader sequences that may target the gene product to a specific intracellular compartment, in prokaryotic organisms. A close homolog of this gene, TDE0597, from the prokaryote *Treponema denticola* represents a third enoyl-CoA reductase which has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Tucci et al., *FEBS Letters* 581:1561-1566 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bcd	15895968	NP_349317.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfA	15895966	NP_349315.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfB	15895967	NP_349316.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
TER	62287512	Q5EU90.1	*Euglena gracilis*
TDE0597	42526113	NP_971211.1	*Treponema denticola*

[0393] Step J of both FIGS. **10** and **11** requires a 2-enoate reductase enzyme. 2-Enoate reductases (EC 1.3.1.31) are known to catalyze the NAD(P)H-dependent reduction of a wide variety of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids and aldehydes (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). 2-Enoate reductase is encoded by enr in several species of

Clostridia (Giesel et al., *Arch Microbiol* 135:51-57 (1983)) including *C. tyrobutyricum*, and *C. thermoaceticum* (now called *Moorella thermoaceticum*) (Rohdich et al., supra). In the published genome sequence of *C. kluyveri,* 9 coding sequences for enoate reductases have been reported, out of which one has been characterized (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA,* 105:2128-2133 (2008)). The enr genes from both *C. tyrobutyricum* and *C. thermoaceticum* have been cloned and sequenced and show 59% identity to each other. The former gene is also found to have approximately 75% similarity to the characterized gene in *C. kluyveri* (Giesel et al., supra). It has been reported based on these sequence results that enr is very similar to the dienoyl CoA reductase in *E. coli* (fadH) (Rohdich et al., supra). The *C. thermoaceticum* enr gene has also been expressed in an enzymatically active form in *E. coli* (Rohdich et al., supra).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadH	16130976	NP_417552.1	*Escherichia coli*
enr	169405742	ACA54153.1	*Clostridium botulinum* A3 str
enr	2765041	CAA71086.1	*Clostridium tyrobutyricum*
enr	3402834	CAA76083.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
enr	83590886	YP_430895.1	*Moorella thermoacetica*

[0394] 1.4.1.a Oxidoreductase operating on amino acids. FIG. **10** depicts two reductive aminations. Specifically, step P of FIG. **10** involves the conversion of adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate and step W of FIG. **10** entails the conversion of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine. The latter transformation is also required in FIG. **11**, Step P.

[0395] Most oxidoreductases operating on amino acids catalyze the oxidative deamination of alpha-amino acids with NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor, though the reactions are typically reversible. Exemplary oxidoreductases operating on amino acids include glutamate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by gdhA, leucine dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by ldh, and aspartate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by nadX. The gdhA gene product from *Escherichia coli* (McPherson et al., *Nucleic. Acids Res.* 11:5257-5266 (1983); Korber et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 234:1270-1273 (1993)), gdh from *Thermotoga maritima* (Kort et al., *Extremophiles* 1:52-60 (1997); Lebbink et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 280:287-296 (1998); Lebbink et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 289:357-369 (1999)), and gdhA1 from *Halobacterium salinarum* (Ingoldsby et al., *Gene.* 349:237-244 (2005)) catalyze the reversible interconversion of glutamate to 2-oxoglutarate and ammonia, while favoring NADP(H), NAD(H), or both, respectively. The ldh gene of *Bacillus cereus* encodes the LeuDH protein that has a wide of range of substrates including leucine, isoleucine, valine, and 2-aminobutanoate (Stoyan et al., *J. Biotechnol* 54:77-80 (1997); Ansorge et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng.* 68:557-562 (2000)). The nadX gene from *Thermotoga maritime* encoding for the aspartate dehydrogenase is involved in the biosynthesis of NAD (Yang et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 278:8804-8808 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gdhA	118547	P00370	*Escherichia coli*
gdh	6226595	P96110.4	*Thermotoga maritima*
gdhA1	15789827	NP_279651.1	*Halobacterium salinarum*
ldh	61222614	P0A393	*Bacillus cereus*
nadX	15644391	NP_229443.1	*Thermotoga maritima*

[0396] The lysine 6-dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by the lysDH genes, catalyze the oxidative deamination of the ϵ-amino group of L-lysine to form 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde, which in turn nonenzymatically cyclizes to form Δ^1-piperideine-6-carboxylate (Misono et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 150:398-401 (1982)). Exemplary enzymes can be found in *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (Heydari et al., *Appl Environ.Microbiol* 70:937-942 (2004)), *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Hashimoto et al., *J Biochem* 106:76-80 (1989); Misono et al., supra), and *Achromobacter denitrificans* (Ruldeekulthamrong et al., *BMB. Rep.* 41:790-795 (2008)). Such enzymes are particularly good candidates for converting adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate given the structural similarity between adipate semialdehyde and 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lysDH	13429872	BAB39707	*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*
lysDH	15888285	NP_353966	*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
lysDH	74026644	AAZ94428	*Achromobacter denitrificans*

[0397] 2.3.1.b Acyl transferase. Referring to FIG. **10**, step A involves 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, or equivalently, succinyl CoA:acetyl CoA acyl transferase (β-ketothiolase). The gene products encoded by pcaF in *Pseudomonas* strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)), phaD in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., supra), paaE in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Gennaro et al., supra), and paaJ from *E. coli* (Nogales et al., supra) catalyze the conversion of 3-oxoadipyl-CoA into succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA during the degradation of aromatic compounds such as phenylacetate or styrene. Since β-ketothiolase enzymes catalyze reversible transformations, these enzymes can be employed for the synthesis of 3-oxoadipyl-CoA. For example, the ketothiolase phaA from *R. eutropha* combines two molecules of acetyl-CoA to form acetoacetyl-CoA (Sato et al., *J Biosci Bioeng* 103:38-44 (2007)). Similarly, a β-keto thiolase (bktB) has been reported to catalyze the condensation of acetyl-CoA and propionyl-CoA to form β-ketovaleryl-CoA (Slater et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 180:1979-1987 (1998)) in *R. eutropha*. In addition to the likelihood of possessing 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase activity, all such enzymes represent good candidates for condensing 4-aminobutyryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA to form 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA (step A, FIG. **11**) either in their native forms or once they have been appropriately engineered.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaJ	16129358	NP_415915.1	*Escherichia coli*
pcaF	17736947	AAL02407	*Pseudomonas knackmussii* (B13)
phaD	3253200	AAC24332.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaE	106636097	ABF82237.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0398] 2-Amino-4-oxopentanoate (AKP) thiolase or AKP thiolase (AKPT) enzymes present additional candidates for performing step A in FIGS. **10** and **11**. AKPT is a pyridoxal phosphate-dependent enzyme participating in ornithine degradation in *Clostridium sticklandii* (Jeng et al., *Biochemistry* 13:2898-2903 (1974); Kenklies et al., *Microbiology* 145:819-826 (1999)). A gene cluster encoding the alpha and beta subunits of AKPT (or -2 (ortA) and or -3 (ortB)) was recently identified and the biochemical properties of the enzyme were characterized (Fonknechten et al., *J. Bacteriol.* In Press (2009)). The enzyme is capable of operating in both directions and naturally reacts with the D-isomer of alanine. AKPT from *Clostridium sticklandii* has been characterized but its protein sequence has not yet been published. Enzymes with high sequence homology are found in *Clostridium difficile, Alkaliphilus metalliredigenes* QYF, *Thermoanaerobacter* sp. X514, and *Thermoanaerobacter tengcongensis* MB4 (Fonknechten et al., supra).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ortA (α)	126698017	YP_001086914.1	*Clostridium difficile* 630
ortB (β)	126698018	YP_001086915.1	*Clostridium difficile* 630
Amet_2368 (α)	150390132	YP_001320181.1	*Alkaliphilus metalliredigenes* QYF
Amet_2369 (β)	150390133	YP_001320182.1	*Alkaliphilus metalliredigenes* QYF
Teth514_1478 (α)	167040116	YP_001663101.1	*Thermoanaerobacter* sp. X514
Teth514_1479 (β)	167040117	YP_001663102.1	*Thermoanaerobacter* sp. X514
TTE1235 (α)	20807687	NP_622858.1	*Thermoanaerobacter tengcongensis* MB4
thrC (β)	20807688	NP_622859.1	*Thermoanaerobacter tengcongensis* MB4

[0399] 2.6.1.a Aminotransferase. Step O of FIGS. **10** and **11** and Step V of FIG. **10** require transamination of a 6-aldehyde to an amine. These transformations can be catalyzed by gamma-aminobutyrate transaminase (GABA transaminase). One *E. coli* GABA transaminase is encoded by gabT and transfers an amino group from glutamate to the terminal aldehyde of succinyl semialdehyde (Bartsch et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 172:7035-7042 (1990)). The gene product of puuE catalyzes another 4-aminobutyrate transaminase in *E. coli* (Kurihara et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4602-4608 (2005)). GABA transaminases in *Mus musculus, Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Sus scrofa* have been shown to react with 6-aminocaproic acid (Cooper, *Methods Enzymol.* 113:80-82 (1985); Scott et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 234:932-936 (1959)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gabT	16130576	NP_417148.1	*Escherichia coli*
puuE	16129263	NP_415818.1	*Escherichia coli*
abat	37202121	NP_766549.2	*Mus musculus*
gabT	70733692	YP_257332.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
abat	47523600	NP_999428.1	*Sus scrofa*

[0400] Additional enzyme candidates include putrescine aminotransferases or other diamine aminotransferases. Such enzymes are particularly well suited for carrying out the conversion of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to hexamethylenediamine. The *E. coli* putrescine aminotransferase is encoded by the ygjG gene and the purified enzyme also was able to transaminate cadaverine and spermidine (Samsonova et al., *BMC Microbiol* 3:2 (2003)). In addition, activity of this enzyme on 1,7-diaminoheptane and with amino acceptors other than 2-oxoglutarate (e.g., pyruvate, 2-oxobutanoate) has been reported (Samsonova et al., supra; Kim, K.H., *J Biol Chem* 239:783-786 (1964)). A putrescine aminotransferase with higher activity with pyruvate as the amino acceptor than alpha-ketoglutarate is the spuC gene of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Lu et al., *J Bacteriol* 184:3765-3773 (2002)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ygjG	145698310	NP_417544	*Escherichia coli*
spuC	9946143	AAG03688	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

[0401] Yet additional candidate enzymes include beta-alanine/alpha-ketoglutarate aminotransferases which produce malonate semialdehyde from beta-alanine (WO08027742). The gene product of SkPYD4 in *Saccharomyces kluyveri* was also shown to preferentially use beta-alanine as the amino

group donor (Andersen et al., FEBS.J. 274:1804-1817 (2007)). SkUGA1 encodes a homologue of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* GABA aminotransferase, UGA1 (Ramos et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.,* 149:401-404 (1985)), whereas SkPYD4 encodes an enzyme involved in both β-alanine and GABA transamination (Andersen et al., supra). 3-Amino-2-methylpropionate transaminase catalyzes the transformation from methylmalonate semialdehyde to 3-amino-2-methylpropionate. This enzyme has been characterized in *Rattus norvegicus* and *Sus scrofa* and is encoded by Abat (Tamaki et al, *Methods Enzymol,* 324:376-389 (2000)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
SkyPYD4	98626772	ABF58893.1	*Saccharomyces kluyveri*
SkUGA1	98626792	ABF58894.1	*Saccharomyces kluyveri*
UGA1	6321456	NP_011533.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
Abat	122065191	P50554.3	*Rattus norvegicus*
Abat	120968	P80147.2	*Sus scrofa*

[0402] 2.8.3.a Coenzyme-A transferase. CoA transferases catalyze reversible reactions that involve the transfer of a CoA moiety from one molecule to another. For example, step E of FIG. **10** is catalyzed by a 3-oxoadipyl-CoA transferase. In this step, 3-oxoadipate is formed by the transfer of the CoA group from 3-oxoadipyl-CoA to succinate, acetate, or another CoA acceptor. Step E of FIG. **11** entails the transfer of a CoA moiety from another 3-oxoacyl-CoA, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA. One candidate enzyme for these steps is the two-unit enzyme encoded by pcal and pcaJ in *Pseudomonas*, which has been shown to have 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/succinate transferase activity (Kaschabek et al., supra). Similar enzymes based on homology exist in *Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1 (Kowalchuk et al., *Gene* 146:23-30 (1994)) and *Streptomyces coelicolor*. Additional exemplary succinyl-CoA:3:oxoacid-CoA transferases are present in *Helicobacter pylori* (Corthesy-Theulaz et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:25659-25667 (1997)) and *Bacillus subtilis* (Stols et al., *Protein. Expr. Purif.* 53:396-403 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pcaI	24985644	AAN69545.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaJ	26990657	NP_746082.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaI	50084858	YP_046368.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaJ	141776	AAC37147.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaI	21224997	NP_630776.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
pcaJ	21224996	NP_630775.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
HPAG1_0676	108563101	YP_627417	*Helicobacter pylori*
HPAG1_0677	108563102	YP_627418	*Helicobacter pylori*
ScoA	16080950	NP_391778	*Bacillus subtilis*
ScoB	16080949	NP_391777	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0403] A 3-oxoacyl-CoA transferase that can utilize acetate as the CoA acceptor is acetoacetyl-CoA transferase, encoded by the *E. coli* atoA (alpha subunit) and atoD (beta subunit) genes (Vanderwinkel et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968); Korolev et al., *Acta Crystallogr. D Biol Crystallogr.* 58:2116-2121 (2002)). This enzyme has also been shown to transfer the CoA moiety to acetate from a variety of branched and linear acyl-CoA substrates, including isobutyrate (Matthies et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 58:1435-1439 (1992)), valerate (Vanderwinkel et al., supra) and butanoate (Vanderwinkel et al., supra). Similar enzymes exist in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032 (Duncan et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 68:5186-5190 (2002)), *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (Cary et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990)), and *Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum* (Kosaka et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem.* 71:58-68 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
atoA	2492994	P76459.1	*Escherichia coli* K12
atoD	2492990	P76458.1	*Escherichia coli* K12
actA	62391407	YP_226809.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032
cg0592	62389399	YP_224801.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032
ctfA	15004866	NP_149326.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfB	15004867	NP_149327.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfA	31075384	AAP42564.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*
ctfB	31075385	AAP42565.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*

[0404] The above enzymes may also exhibit the desired activities on adipyl-CoA and adipate (FIG. **10**, step K) or 6-aminocaproate and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA (FIG. **10**, step Q; FIG. **2**, step K). Nevertheless, additional exemplary transferase candidates are catalyzed by the gene products of cat1, cat2, and cat3 of *Clostridium kluyveri* which have been shown to exhibit succinyl-CoA, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, and butyryl-CoA transferase activity, respectively (Seedorf et al., supra;Sohling et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 212:121-127 (1993); Sohling et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
cat1	729048	P38946.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat2	172046066	P38942.2	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat3	146349050	EDK35586.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0405] The glutaconate-CoA-transferase (EC 2.8.3.12) enzyme from anaerobic bacterium *Acidaminococcus fermentans* reacts with diacid glutaconyl-CoA and 3-butenoyl-CoA (Mack et al., *FEBS Lett.* 405:209-212 (1997)). The genes encoding this enzyme are gctA and gctB. This enzyme has reduced but detectable activity with other CoA derivatives including glutaryl-CoA, 2-hydroxyglutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA and acrylyl-CoA (Buckel et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 118: 315-321 (1981)). The enzyme has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Mack et al., *Eur.J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 (1994)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gctA	559392	CAA57199.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
gctB	559393	CAA57200.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*

[0406] 3.1.2.a Thiolester hydrolase (CoA specific). Several eukaryotic acetyl-CoA hydrolases have broad substrate specificity and thus represent suitable candidate enzymes for hydrolyzing 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, adipyl-CoA, 3-oxo-6-amino-

hexanoyl-CoA, or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA (Steps G and M of FIGS. **10** and **11**). For example, the enzyme from *Rattus norvegicus* brain (Robinson et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 71:959-965 (1976)) can react with butyryl-CoA, hexanoyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acot12	18543355	NP_570103.1	*Rattus norvegicus*

[0407] Additional hydrolase enzymes include 3-hydroxyisobutyryl-CoA hydrolase which has been described to efficiently catalyze the conversion of 3-hydroxyisobutyryl-CoA to 3-hydroxyisobutyrate during valine degradation (Shimomura et al., *J Biol Chem.* 269:14248-14253 (1994)). Genes encoding this enzyme include hibch of *Rattus norvegicus* (Shimomura et al., supra;Shimomura et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 324:229-240 (2000)) and *Homo sapiens* (Shimomura et al., supra). Candidate genes by sequence homology include hibch of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and BC 2292 of *Bacillus cereus*.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hibch	146324906	Q5XIE6.2	*Rattus norvegicus*
hibch	146324905	Q6NVY1.2	*Homo sapiens*
hibch	2506374	P28817.2	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
BC_2292	29895975	AP09256	*Bacillus cereus*

[0408] Yet another candidate hydrolase is the human dicarboxylic acid thioesterase, acot8, which exhibits activity on glutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA, suberyl-CoA, sebacyl-CoA, and dodecanedioyl-CoA (Westin et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:38125-38132 (2005)) and the closest *E. coli* homolog, tesB, which can also hydrolyze a broad range of CoA thiolesters (Naggert et al., *J Biol Chem* 266:11044-11050 (1991)). A similar enzyme has also been characterized in the rat liver (Deana R., Biochem Int 26:767-773 (1992)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
tesB	16128437	NP_414986	*Escherichia coli*
acot8	3191970	CAA15502	*Homo sapiens*
acot8	51036669	NP_570112	*Rattus norvegicus*

[0409] Other potential *E. coli* thiolester hydrolases include the gene products of tesA (Bonner et al., *J Biol Chem* 247:3123-3133 (1972)), ybgC (Kuznetsova et al., *FEMS Microbiol Rev* 29:263-279 (2005); Zhuang et al., *FEBS Lett* 516:161-163 (2002)), paaI (Song et al., *J Biol Chem* 281:11028-11038 (2006)), and ybdB (Leduc et al., *J Bacteriol* 189:7112-7126 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
tesA	16128478	NP_415027	*Escherichia coli*
ybgC	16128711	NP_415264	*Escherichia coli*

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Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaI	16129357	NP_415914	*Escherichia coli*
ybdB	16128580	NP_415129	*Escherichia coli*

[0410] 6.3.1.a/6.3.2.a amide synthases/peptide synthases. The direct conversion of 6-aminocaproate to caprolactam (Step S, FIG. **10**; Step R, FIG. **11**) requires the formation of an intramolecular peptide bond. Ribosomes, which assemble amino acids into proteins during translation, are nature's most abundant peptide bond-forming catalysts. Nonribosomal peptide synthetases are peptide bond forming catalysts that do not involve messenger mRNA (Schwarzer et al., *Nat. Prod.Rep.* 20:275-287 (2003)). Additional enzymes capable of forming peptide bonds include acyl-CoA synthetase from *Pseudomonas chlororaphis* (Abe et al., *J Biol Chem* 283:11312-11321 (2008)), gamma-Glutamylputrescine synthetase from *E. coli* (Kurihara et al., *J Biol Chem* 283:19981-19990 (2008)), and beta-lactam synthetase from *Streptomyces clavuligerus* (Bachmann et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 95:9082-9086 (1998);Bachmann et al., *Biochemistry* 39:11187-11193 (2000);Miller et al., *Nat. Struct. Biol* 8:684-689 (2001);Miller et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 99:14752-14757 (2002);Tahlan et al., *Antimicrob. Agents. Chemother.* 48:930-939 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acsA	60650089	BAD90933	*Pseudomonas chlororaphis*
puuA	87081870	AAC74379	*Escherichia coli*
bls	41016784	Q9R8E3	*Streptomyces clavuligerus*

[0411] 4.2.1.a Hydrolyase. Most dehydratases catalyze the α,β-elimination of water. This involves activation of the α-hydrogen by an electron-withdrawing carbonyl, carboxylate, or CoA-thiol ester group and removal of the hydroxyl group from the β-position. Enzymes exhibiting activity on substrates with an electron-withdrawing carboxylate group are excellent candidates for dehydrating 3-hydroxyadipate (FIG. **10**, Step I) or 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate (FIG. **11**, Step I).

[0412] For example, fumarase enzymes naturally catalyze the reversible dehydration of malate to fumarate. *E. coli* has three fumarases: FumA, FumB, and FumC that are regulated by growth conditions. FumB is oxygen sensitive and only active under anaerobic conditions. FumA is active under microanaerobic conditions, and FumC is the only active enzyme in aerobic growth (Tseng et al., *J Bacteriol* 183:461-467 (2001);Woods et al., *Biochim Biophys Acta* 954:14-26 (1988);Guest et al., *J Gen Microbiol* 131:2971-2984 (1985)). Additional enzyme candidates are found in *Campylobacter jejuni* (Smith et al., *Int. J Biochem.Cell Biol* 31:961-975 (1999)), *Thermus thermophilus* (Mizobata et al., *Arch.Biochem.Biophys.* 355:49-55 (1998)) and *Rattus norvegicus* (Kobayashi et al., *J Biochem.* 89:1923-1931 (1981)). Similar enzymes with high sequence homology include fuml from *Arabidopsis thaliana* and fumC from *Corynebacterium glutamicum*. The MmcBC fumarase from *Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum* is another class of fumarase with two subunits (Shimoyama et al., *FEMS Microbiol Lett* 270:207-213 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fumA	81175318	P0AC33	*Escherichia coli*
fumB	33112655	P14407	*Escherichia coli*
fumC	120601	P05042	*Escherichia coli*
fumC	9789756	O69294	*Campylobacter jejuni*
fumC	3062847	BAA25700	*Thermus thermophilus*
fumH	120605	P14408	*Rattus norvegicus*
fum1	39931311	P93033	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
fumC	39931596	Q8NRN8	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
MmcB	147677691	YP_001211906	*Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum*
MmcC	147677692	YP_001211907	*Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum*

[0413] Two additional dehydratase candidates are 2-(hydroxymethyl)glutarate dehydratase and dimethylmaleate hydratase, enzymes studied for their role in nicontinate catabolism in *Eubacterium barkeri* (formerly *Clostridium barkeri*) (Alhapel et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 103:12341-6 (2006)). 2-(Hydroxymethyl)glutarate dehydratase is a [4Fe-4S]-containing enzyme that dehydrates 2-(hydroxymethyl) glutarate to 2-methylene-glutarate. This enzyme is encoded by hmd in *Eubacterium barkeri* (Alhapel et al., supra). Similar enzymes with high sequence homology are found in *Bacteroides capillosus, Anaerotruncus colihominis*, and *Natranaerobius thermophilius*. These enzymes are homologous to the alpha and beta subunits of [4Fe-45]-containing bacterial serine dehydratases (e.g., *E. coli* enzymes encoded by tdcG, sdhB, and sdaA).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hmd	86278275	ABC88407.1	*Eubacterium barkeri*
BACCAP_02294	154498305	ZP_02036683.1	*Bacteroides capillosus*
ANACOL_02527	167771169	ZP_02443222.1	*Anaerotruncus colihominis* DSM 17241
NtherDRAFT_2368	169192667	ZP_02852366.1	*Natranaerobius thermophilus* JW/NM-WN-LF

[0414] Dimethylmaleate hydratase (EC 4.2.1.85) is a reversible Fe^{2+}-dependent and oxygen-sensitive enzyme in the aconitase family that hydrates dimethylmaeate to form (2R,3S)-2,3-dimethylmalate. This enzyme is encoded by dmdAB in *Eubacterium barkeri* (Alhapel et al., supra; Kollmann-Koch et al., *Hoppe Seylers. Z. Physiol Chem.* 365:847-857 (1984)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
dmdA	86278276	ABC88408	*Eubacterium barkeri*
dmdB	86278277	ABC88409.1	*Eubacterium barkeri*

[0415] An additional enzyme candidate is 2-methylmalate dehydratase, also called citramalate hydrolyase, a reversible hydrolyase that catalyzes the alpha, beta elimination of water from citramalate to form mesaconate. This enzyme has been purified and characterized in *Clostridium tetanomorphum* (Wang et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 244:2516-2526 (1969)). The activity of this enzyme has also been detected in several bacteria in the genera *Citrobacter* and *Morganella* in the context of the glutamate degradation VI pathway (Kato et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 168:457-463 (1997)). Genes encoding this enzyme have not been identified in any organism to date.

[0416] Enzymes exhibiting activity on substrates with an electron-withdrawing CoA-thiol ester group adjacent to the α-hydrogen are excellent candidates for dehydrating 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA (FIG. **10**, Step C) or 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA (FIG. **11**, Step C). The enoyl-CoA hydratases, phaA and phaB, of *P. putida* are believed to carry out the hydroxylation of double bonds during phenylacetate catabolism (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)). The paaA and paaB from *P. fluorescens* catalyze analogous transformations (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)). Lastly, a number of *Escherichia coli* genes have been shown to demonstrate enoyl-CoA hydratase functionality including maoC (Park et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 185:5391-5397 (2003)), paaF (Ismail et al., supra;Park et al., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116: 335-346 (2004); Park et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)) and paaG (Ismail et al., supra;Park et al., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116:335-346 (2004); Park et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)). Crotonase enzymes are additional candidates for dehydrating the required 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA molecules depicted in FIGS. **10** and **11**. These enzymes are required for n-butanol formation in some organisms, particularly Clostridial species, and also comprise one step of the 3-hydroxypropionate/4-hydroxybutyrate cycle in thermoacidophilic Archaea of the genera *Sulfolobus, Acidianus*, and *Metallosphaera*. Exemplary genes encoding crotonase enzymes can be found in *C. acetobutylicum* (Boynton et al., supra), *C. kluyveri* (Hillmer et al., *FEBS Lett.* 21:351-354 (1972)), and *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al., supra) though the sequence of the latter gene is not known. Enoyl-CoA hydratases, which are involved in fatty acid beta-oxidation and/or the metabolism of various amino acids, can also catalyze the hydration of crotonyl-CoA to form 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA (Roberts et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 117:99-108 (1978); Agnihotri et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* 11:9-20 (2003); Conrad et al., *J Bacteriol.* 118:103-111 (1974)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaA	26990002	NP_745427.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
paaB	26990001	NP_745426.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
phaA	106636093	ABF82233.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
phaB	106636094	ABF82234.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
maoC	16129348	NP_415905.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaF	16129354	NP_415911.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaG	16129355	NP_415912.1	*Escherichia coli*
crt	15895969	NP_349318.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
crt1	153953091	YP_001393856	*Clostridium kluyveri* DSM 555

[0417] 6.2.1.a Acid-thiol ligase. Steps F, L, and R of FIG. **10** and Steps F and L of FIG. **11** require acid-thiol ligase or

synthetase functionality (the terms ligase, synthetase, and synthase are used herein interchangeably and refer to the same enzyme class). Exemplary genes encoding enzymes likely to carry out these transformations include the sucCD genes of *E. coli* which naturally form a succinyl-CoA synthetase complex. This enzyme complex naturally catalyzes the formation of succinyl-CoA from succinate with the concaminant consumption of one ATP, a reaction which is reversible in vivo (Buck et al., *Biochem.* 24:6245-6252 (1985)). Given the structural similarity between succinate and adipate, that is, both are straight chain dicarboxylic acids, it is reasonable to expect some activity of the sucCD enzyme on adipyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
sucC	16128703	NP_415256.1	*Escherichia coli*
sucD	1786949	AAC73823.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0418] Additional exemplary CoA-ligases include the rat dicarboxylate-CoA ligase for which the sequence is yet uncharacterized (Vamecq et al., *Biochemical Journal* 230: 683-693 (1985)), either of the two characterized phenylacetate-CoA ligases from *P. chrysogenum* (Lamas-Maceiras et al., *Biochem. J.* 395:147-155 (2005); Wang et al., *Biochem Biophy Res Commun* 360(2):453-458 (2007)), the phenylacetate-CoA ligase from *Pseudomonas putida* (Martinez-Blanco et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:7084-7090 (1990)), and the 6-carboxyhexanoate-CoA ligase from *Bacilis subtilis* (Bower et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178(14):4122-4130 (1996)). Additional candidate enzymes are acetoacetyl-CoA synthetases from *Mus musculus* (Hasegawa et al., *Biochim Biophys Acta* 1779: 414-419 (2008)) and *Homo sapiens* (Ohgami et al., *Biochem Pharmacol* 65:989-994 (2003)) which naturally catalyze the ATP-dependant conversion of acetoacetate into acetoacetyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
phl	77019264	CAJ15517.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
phlB	152002983	ABS19624.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
paaF	22711873	AAC24333.2	*Pseudomonas putida*
bioW	50812281	NP_390902.2	*Bacillus subtilis*
AACS	21313520	NP_084486.1	*Mus musculus*
AACS	31982927	NP_076417.2	*Homo sapiens*

[0419] ADP-forming acetyl-CoA synthetase (ACD, EC 6.2.1.13) is another candidate enzyme that couples the conversion of acyl-CoA esters to their corresponding acids with the concurrent synthesis of ATP. Several enzymes with broad substrate specificities have been described in the literature. ACD I from *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, encoded by AF1211, was shown to operate on a variety of linear and branched-chain substrates including acetyl-CoA, propionyl-CoA, butyryl-CoA, acetate, propionate, butyrate, isobutyryate, isovalerate, succinate, fumarate, phenylacetate, indoleacetate (Musfeldt et al., *J Bacteriol* 184:636-644 (2002)). The enzyme from *Haloarcula marismortui* (annotated as a succinyl-CoA synthetase) accepts propionate, butyrate, and branched-chain acids (isovalerate and isobutyrate) as substrates, and was shown to operate in the forward and reverse directions (Brasen et al., *Arch Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004)). The ACD encoded by PAE3250 from hyperthermophilic crenarchaeon *Pyrobaculum aerophilum* showed the broadest substrate range of all characterized ACDs, reacting with acetyl-CoA, isobutyryl-CoA (preferred substrate) and phenylacetyl-CoA (Brasen et al., supra). The enzymes from *A. fulgidus, H. marismortui* and *P. aerophilum* have all been cloned, functionally expressed, and characterized in *E. coli* (Musfeldt et al., supra;Brasen et al., supra).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
AF1211	11498810	NP_070039.1	*Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304
scs	55377722	YP_135572.1	*Haloarcula marismortui* ATCC 43049
PAE3250	18313937	NP_560604.1	*Pyrobaculum aerophilum* str. IM2

[0420] Yet another option is to employ a set of enzymes with net ligase or synthetase activity. For example, phosphotransadipylase and adipate kinase enzymes are catalyzed by the gene products of buk1, buk2, and ptb from *C. acetobutylicum* (Walter et al., *Gene* 134:107-111 (1993); Huang et al., *J. Mol. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 2:33-38 (2000)). The ptb gene encodes an enzyme that can convert butyryl-CoA into butyryl-phosphate, which is then converted to butyrate via either of the buk gene products with the concomitant generation of ATP.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ptb	15896327	NP_349676	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk1	15896326	NP_349675	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	20137415	Q97II1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*

[0421] No enzyme required—Spontaneous cyclization. 6-Aminocaproyl-CoA will cyclize spontaneously to caprolactam, thus eliminating the need for a dedicated enzyme for this step. A similar spontaneous cyclization is observed with 4-aminobutyryl-CoA which forms pyrrolidinone (Ohsugi et al., *J Biol Chem* 256:7642-7651 (1981)).

Example XIII

Preparation of a 6-Aminocaproic acid Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0422] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing 6-aminocaproic acid from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA.

[0423] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway shown in FIG. **11** that starts from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing 6-aminocaproic acid. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic

acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0424] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase, 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1), etfAB (NP_349315.1 and NP_349316.1), and acot8 (CAA15502) genes encoding 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase activities are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the sucD (NP_904963.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and cat2 (P38942.2) genes encoding succinyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), GABA transaminase, and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter, to increase the availability of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis.

[0425] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce 6-aminocaproic acid is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0426] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0427] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of 6-aminocaproic acid. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of 6-aminocaproic acid. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the 6-aminocaproic acid product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, Nat. Genet. 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the 6-aminocaproic acid producer to further increase production.

[0428] For large-scale production of 6-aminocaproic acid, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XIV

Preparation of a 6-Aminocaproic acid Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0429] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing 6-aminocaproic acid from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA.

[0430] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the 6-aminocaproic acid pathway shown in FIG. **11** that starts from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing 6-aminocaproic acid. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0431] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), pcaIJ (AAN69545.1 and NP_746082.1), and bdh (AAA58352.1) genes encoding the 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the enr (CAA76083.1) and hmd (ABC88407.1) genes

encoding 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase and 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase activities are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the sucD (NP_904963.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and cat2 (P38942.2) genes encoding succinyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), GABA transaminase, and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter, to increase the availability of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis.

[0432] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce 6-aminocaproic acid is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0433] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional 6-aminocaproic acid synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0434] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of 6-aminocaproic acid. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of 6-aminocaproic acid. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the 6-aminocaproic acid product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the 6-aminocaproic acid producer to further increase production.

[0435] For large-scale production of 6-aminocaproic acid, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XV

Preparation of a Caprolactam Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and Succinyl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0436] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing caprolactam from acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA.

[0437] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the caprolactam pathway shown in FIG. **10** that starts from acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing caprolactam. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0438] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce caprolactam, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA reductase, and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1) and etfAB (NP_349315.1 and NP_349316.1) genes encoding 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase activity are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the acrl (YP_047869.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and bioW (NP_390902.2) genes encoding adipyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 6-aminocaproic acid transaminase, and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for caprolactam synthesis.

[0439] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures

well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the caprolactam synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce caprolactam is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0440] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional caprolactam synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0441] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of caprolactam. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of caprolactam. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the caprolactam product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the caprolactam producer to further increase production.

[0442] For large-scale production of caprolactam, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XVI

Preparation of a Hexamethylenediamine Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and Succinyl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0443] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing hexamethylenediamine from acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA.

[0444] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the hexamethylenediamine pathway shown in FIG. **10** that starts from acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing hexamethylenediamine. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0445] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce hexamethylenediamine, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA reductase, and 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1) and eftAB (NP_349315.1 and NP_349316.1) genes encoding 5-carboxy-2-pentenoyl-CoA reductase activity are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the acrl (YP_047869.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), bioW (NP_390902.2), and ygjG (NP_417544) genes encoding adipyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 6-aminocaproic acid transaminase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, and hexamethylenediamine transaminase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for hexamethylenediamine synthesis.

[0446] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the hexamethylenediamine synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce hexamethylenediamine is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0447] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional hexamethylenediamine synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine

whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0448] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of hexamethylenediamine. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of hexamethylenediamine. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the hexamethylenediamine product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the hexamethylenediamine producer to further increase production.

[0449] For large-scale production of hexamethylenediamine, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XVII

Preparation of a Caprolactam Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproyl-CoA

[0450] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing caprolactam from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA.

[0451] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the caprolactam pathway shown in FIG. **11** that starts from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing caprolactam. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0452] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce caprolactam, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase, 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1) and etfAB (NP_349315.1 and NP_349316.1) genes encoding 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase activity are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the sucD (NP_904963.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and cat2 (P38942.2) genes encoding succinyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), GABA transaminase, and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter, to increase the availability of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for caprolactam synthesis.

[0453] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the caprolactam synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce caprolactam is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0454] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional caprolactam synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0455] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of caprolactam. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Bur-

gard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of caprolactam. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the caprolactam product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the caprolactam producer to further increase production.

[0456] For large-scale production of caprolactam, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XVIII

Preparation of a Hexamethylenediamine Producing Microbial Organism Having a Pathway for Converting Acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA to 6-Aminocaproyl-CoA

[0457] This example describes the generation of a microbial organism capable of producing hexamethylenediamine from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA.

[0458] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer the hexamethylenediamine pathway shown in Figure XVII that starts from acetyl-CoA and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing hexamethylenediamine. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic or microaerobic conditions.

[0459] To generate an *E. coli* strain engineered to produce hexamethylenediamine, nucleic acids encoding the requisite enzymes are expressed in *E. coli* using well known molecular biology techniques (see, for example, Sambrook, supra, 2001; Ausubel, supra, 1999). In particular, the paaJ (NP_415915.1), paaH (NP_415913.1), and maoC (NP_415905.1) genes encoding the 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase, 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase activities, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. In addition, the bcd (NP_349317.1), etfAB (NP_349315.1 and NP_349316.1), acrl (YP_047869.1), and ygjG (NP_417544) genes encoding 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), and hexamethylenediamine transaminase activities are cloned into the pZA33 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) under the PA1/lacO promoter. Lastly, the sucD (NP_904963.1), gabT (NP_417148.1), and cat2 (P38942.2) genes encoding succinyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), GABA transaminase, and 4-aminobutyryl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase activities are cloned into a third compatible plasmid, pZS23, under the PA1/lacO promoter, to increase the availability of 4-aminobutyryl-CoA. pZS23 is obtained by replacing the ampicillin resistance module of the pZS13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany) with a kanamycin resistance module by well-known molecular biology techniques. The three sets of plasmids are transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for hexamethylenediamine synthesis.

[0460] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose-containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of the hexamethylenediamine synthesis genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA, immunoblotting, and the like. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individual activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce hexamethylenediamine is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) and/or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0461] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional hexamethylenediamine synthesis pathway are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0462] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of hexamethylenediamine. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of hexamethylenediamine. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA intermediates of the hexamethylenediamine product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, Nat. Genet. 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling,

genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the hexamethylenediamine producer to further increase production.

[0463] For large-scale production of hexamethylenediamine, the above organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing the culture vessel, for example, flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap. Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole in the septum for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of around 7 by addition of an acid, such as H_2SO_4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm) and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu, Columbia Md.), for example, using an Aminex® series of HPLC columns (for example, HPX-87 series) (BioRad, Hercules Calif.), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids (Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.* 775-779 (2005)).

Example XIX

Pathways for Production of 6-Aminocaproic acid from Succinic Semialdehyde and Pyruvate

[0464] This example describes exemplary pathways for production of 6-aminocaproic acid.

[0465] Novel pathways for producing 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) and related products are described herein. These pathways synthesize 6-ACA from succinic semialdehyde and pyruvate, utilizing aldolase and hydratase enzymes from the 4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid degradation pathway. The candidate enzymes, and associated risks of implementation are discussed in Example XXI below.

[0466] This invention is directed, in part, to non-naturally occurring microorganisms that express genes encoding enzymes that catalyze 6-ACA production. Successfully engineering these pathways entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing the expression of these genes in the production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation.

[0467] 6-aminocaproic acid and derivatives are produced from succinic semialdehyde and pyruvate in a minimum of five enzymatic steps. In the first step of all pathways, pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde are joined by 4-hydroxy-2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (HODH) aldolase. The product of this reaction, HODH, is then dehydrated by 2-oxohept-4-ene-1, 7-dioate (OHED) hydratase to form OHED. In subsequent steps, OHED is transaminated, decarboxylated or reduced as shown in FIG. **12**.

[0468] In one route, the alkene of OHED is reduced by OHED reductase, forming 2-oxoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-OHD) (FIG. **12**, Step C), a 2-ketoacid. 2-OHD is then converted to adipate semialdehyde by a ketoacid decarboxylase (FIG. **12**, Step D). In the final step, the aldehyde of adipate semialdehyde is converted to an amine by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step E).

[0469] In a similar route, the 2-keto group of 2-OHD is transaminated by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step H) to form 2-aminoheptane-1,7-dioate (2-AHD). This product is then decarboxylated by 2-AHD decarboxylase to form 6-aminocapropate (FIG. **12**, Step I).

[0470] In an alternate route, OHED is first decarboxylated by OHED decarboxylase (FIG. **12**, Step F), resulting in the formation of 6-oxohex-4-enoate (6-OHE). The alkenal group of 6-OHE is reduced by an oxidoreductase to adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **12**, Step G). Adipate semialdehyde is then converted to 6-aminocaproate by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step E).

[0471] Yet another route calls for an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase to convert OHED to 2-aminohept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (2-AHE) (FIG. **12**, Step J). The alkene of 2-AHE is subsequently reduced by an alkene oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step K). The product of this reaction, 2-AHD, is then decarboxylated by an amino acid decarboxylase (FIG. **12**, Step I) to form 6-aminocaproate.

[0472] In yet another route, HODH is converted to 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA by either an HODH dehydrogenase or and HODH formate-lyase (FIG. **12**, Step L). 3-Hydroxyadipyl-CoA is subsequently dehydrated and reduced to form adipyl-CoA (FIG. **12**, Steps M, N). Adipyl-CoA is reduced and de-acylated to form adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **12**, Step O), which is then converted to 6-aminocaproate by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step E).

[0473] In a similar route, HODH is first converted to OHED (FIG. **12**, Step B), as described above. OHED is then converted to 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA by a dehydrogenase or an OHED formate-lyase (FIG. **12**, Step P). 2,3-Dihydroadipyl-CoA is then reduced to adipyl-CoA (FIG. **12**, Step N), which is converted to 6-aminocaproate via adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **12**, Steps O, E), as described previously.

[0474] In the final route, HODH is converted to 2-OHD via steps B and C, as described previously. A 2-OHD formate-lyase or dehydrogenase converts 2-OHD to adipyl-CoA (FIG. **12**, Step Q), which is then reduced by a CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase (FIG. **12**, Step O). The product, adipate semialdehyde, is converted to 6-aminocaproate by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **12**, Step E).

[0475] The routes detailed in FIG. **12** are able to achieve the maximum theoretical 6-ACA yield of 0.8 moles 6-ACA per mole glucose utilized. The energetic yield is also favorable, with a maximum of 1.6 moles ATP per mole glucose utilized at the maximum product yield. The following assumptions were used to calculate yield: 1) phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxykinase is able to operate in the ATP-generating direction, 2) NH4 and 6-ACA are transported into the cell by proton antiport, and 3) succinic semialdehyde is formed from alpha-ketoglutarate and/or succinyl-CoA. Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase is a NAD(P)H and CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase that converts succinyl-CoA to succinic semialdehyde. Succinic semialdehyde is formed from alpha-ketoglutarate by two enzymes: alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and 4-aminobutyrate transaminase.

Example XX

Pathways for Production of Hexamethylenediamine from 6-Aminocaproate

[0476] This example describes exemplary pathways for production of hexamethylenediamine.

[0477] Novel pathways for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and related products are described herein.

This pathway synthesizes HMDA from 6-Aminocaproate (6-ACA). These pathways involve activation of the acid group by phosphorylation and/or acylation. Acetylation of the terminal amino group provides protection from spontaneous cyclization of pathway intermediates. The candidate enzymes, and associated risks of implementation are discussed in Example XXI below.

[0478] This invention is directed, in part, to non-naturally occurring microorganisms that express genes encoding enzymes that catalyze HMDA production. Successfully engineering these pathways entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing the expression of these genes in the production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation.

[0479] Several pathways for producing HMDA from 6-aminocaproate are detailed in FIG. **13**. All routes entail activation of the carboxylic acid group, followed by reduction and transamination. In three routes, 6-aminocaproate is activated directly while in other routes, the terminal amine group is protected by N-acetylation to prevent spontaneous cyclization.

[0480] In one route, 6-aminocaproate is phosphorylated to 6-AHOP by 6-aminocaproate kinase (FIG. **13**, Step A). 6-AHOP is then reduced to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde (FIG. **13**, Step B) and subsequently transaminated (FIG. **13**, Step C) by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase.

[0481] Alternately, 6-AHOP is converted to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA by an acyltransferase (FIG. **13**, Step L). 6-Aminocaproyl-CoA is then reduced to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde by a CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase (FIG. **13**, Step N). HMDA is then formed by transamination of 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **13**, Step C).

[0482] In yet another route, 6-aminocaproate is first activated to a CoA derivative by a CoA transferase or CoA ligase (FIG. **13**, Step M). The product, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA, may spontaneously cyclize, or be converted to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde by an aldehyde-forming CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase (FIG. **13**, Step N). 6-Aminocaproic semialdehyde is converted to HMDA by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **13**, Step C).

[0483] Additional routes proceed from 6-acetamidohexanoate, the acetylated product of 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase. 6-Acetamidohexanoate is converted to 6-acetamidohexanal by different routes (described below). In the final two steps of these routes, 6-acetamidohexanal is first converted to 6-acetamidohexanamine by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase (FIG. **13**, Step G). 6-Acetamidohexanamine is subsequently converted to HMDA by an amide hydrolase or an N-acetyltransferase (FIG. **13**, Step H).

[0484] In one route, 6-acetamidohexanoate is phosphorylated by 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase (FIG. **13**, Step E). The product, 6-AAHOP, is reduced to form 6-acetamidohexanal (FIG. **13**, Step F), which is then converted to HMDA as described above.

[0485] In another route, 6-acetamidohexanoate is activated to 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA by a CoA transferase or CoA ligase (FIG. **13**, Step I). The CoA derivative is then reduced to 6-acetamidohexanal by an aldehyde-forming CoA-dependent oxidoreductase (FIG. **13**, Step J). 6-acetamidohexanal is then converted to HMDA as described above.

[0486] Alternately, 6-acetamidohexanoate is phosphorylated to 6-AAHOP (FIG. **13**, Step E) and subsequently converted to 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA by an acyltransferase (FIG. **13**, Step K). 6-Acetamidohexanoyl-CoA is then reduced to HMDA as described previously.

Example XXI

Enzyme Classification System for Production of 6-Aminocaproic Acid and Hexamethylenediamine

[0487] This example describes the enzyme classification system for the exemplary pathways described in Examples XIX and XX for production of 6-aminocaproate or hexamethylenediamine.

[0488] All transformations depicted in FIGS. **12** and **13** fall into the general categories of transformations shown in Table 9. Below is described a number of biochemically characterized genes in each category. Specifically listed are genes that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations in FIGS. **12-13** when properly cloned and expressed.

[0489] Table 9 shows the enzyme types useful to convert common central metabolic intermediates into 6-aminocaproate and hexamethylenediamine. The first three digits of each label correspond to the first three Enzyme Commission number digits which denote the general type of transformation independent of substrate specificity.

TABLE 9

LABEL	FUNCTION
1.2.1.b	Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde)
1.2.1.c	Oxidoreductase (2-ketoacid to acyl-CoA)
1.2.1.d	Oxidoreductase (phosphonic acid to aldehyde)
1.3.1.a	Oxidoreductase (alkene to alkane)
1.4.1.a	Oxidoreductase (ketone or aldehyde to amino)
2.3.1.a	Acyltransferase (transferring CoA to phospho)
2.3.1.c	Acyltransferase (N-acetyltransferase)
2.3.1.d	Acyltransferase (formate C-acyltransferase)
2.6.1.a	Aminotransferase
2.7.2.a	Phosphotransferase (carboxy acceptor)
2.8.3.a	Coenzyme-A transferase
3.5.1.a	Hydrolase (acting on linear amides)
4.1.1.a	Carboxy-lyase
4.1.2.a	Aldehyde-lyase
4.2.1.a	Hydro-lyase
6.2.1.a	Acid-thiol ligase

[0490] 1.2.1.b Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde). The transformations of 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA to 6-acetamidohexanal (FIG. **13**, Step J) and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde (FIG. **13**, Step N) are catalyzed by CoA-dependent oxidoreductase enzyme in the EC class 1.2.1. Adipyl-CoA is converted to adipate semialdehyde by adipyl-CoA oxidoreductase, an enzyme with similar functionality (FIG. **12**, Step O). Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme that forms FIG. **12** precursor succinic semialdehyde from succinyl-CoA, is also a CoA-dependent oxidoreductase. Oxidoreductases in the EC class 1.2.1.—are capable of reducing an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde. Exemplary genes that encode such enzymes include the *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus acrl* encoding a fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Reiser and Somerville, *Journal of Bacteriology* 179:2969-2975 (1997)), the *Acinetobacter* sp. M-1 fatty acyl-CoA reductase (Ishige et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 68:1192-1195 (2002)), and a CoA- and NADP-dependent

succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase encoded by the sucD gene in *Clostridium kluyveri* (Sohling and Gottschalk, *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)). SucD of *P. gingivalis* is another succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (Takahashi et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 182:4704-4710 (2000)). The acylating acetaldehyde dehydrogenase in *Pseudomonas* sp, encoded by bphG, is yet another candidate as it has been demonstrated to oxidize and acylate acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, butyraldehyde, isobutyraldehyde and formaldehyde (Powlowski et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 175:377-385 (1993)). In addition to reducing acetyl-CoA to ethanol, the enzyme encoded by adhE in *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* has been shown to oxidize the branched chain compound isobutyraldehyde to isobutyryl-CoA (Kazahaya et al., *J. Gen. Appl. Microbiol.* 18:43-55 (1972); and Koo et al., *Biotechnol Lett.* 27:505-510 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acr1	50086359	YP_047869.1	*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*
acr1	1684886	AAC45217	*Acinetobacter baylyi*
acr1	18857901	BAB85476.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. Strain M-1
sucD	172046062	P38947.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
sucD	34540484	NP_904963.1	*Porphyromonas gingivalis*
bphG	425213	BAA03892.1	*Pseudomonas* sp
adhE	55818563	AAV66076.1	*Leuconostoc mesenteroides*

[0491] An additional enzyme that converts an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde is malonyl-CoA reductase which transforms malonyl-CoA to malonic semialdehyde. Malonyl-CoA reductase is a key enzyme in autotrophic carbon fixation via the 3-hydroxypropionate cycle in thermoacidophilic archaeal bacteria (Berg et al., *Science* 318:1782-1786 (2007); and Thauer, R. K., *Science.* 318:1732-1733 (2007)). The enzyme utilizes NADPH as a cofactor and has been characterized in *Metallosphaera* and *Sulfolobus* sp (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); and Hugler et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002)). The enzyme is encoded by Msed 0709 in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); and Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)). A gene encoding a malonyl-CoA reductase from *Sulfolobus* tokodaii was cloned and heterologously expressed in *E. coli* (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006)). This enzyme has also been shown to catalyze the conversion of methylmalonyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde (WIPO Patent Application WO/2007/141208 Kind Code: A2). Although the aldehyde dehydrogenase functionality of these enzymes is similar to the bifunctional dehydrogenase from *Chloroflexus aurantiacus*, there is little sequence similarity. Both malonyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates have high sequence similarity to aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme catalyzing the reduction and concurrent dephosphorylation of aspartyl-4-phosphate to aspartate semialdehyde. Additional gene candidates can be found by sequence homology to proteins in other organisms including *Sulfolobus solfataricus* and *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius* and have been listed below. Yet another candidate for CoA-acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase is the ald gene from *Clostridium beijerinckii* (Toth et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 65:4973-4980 (1999)). This enzyme has been reported to reduce acetyl-CoA and butyryl-CoA to their corresponding aldehydes. This gene is very similar to eutE that encodes acetaldehyde dehydrogenase of *Salmonella typhimurium* and *E. coli* (Toth et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 65:4973-4980 (1999)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Msed_0709	146303492	YP_001190808.1	*Metallosphaera sedula*
mcr	15922498	NP_378167.1	*Sulfolobus tokodaii*
asd-2	15898958	NP_343563.1	*Sulfolobus solfataricus*
Saci_2370	70608071	YP_256941.1	*Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*
Ald	49473535	AAT66436	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
eutE	687645	AAA80209	*Salmonella typhimurium*
eutE	2498347	P77445	*Escherichia coli*

[0492] 1.2.1.c Oxidoreductase (2-ketoacid to acyl-CoA). Several transformations in FIG. **12** require conversion of a 2-ketoacid to an acyl-CoA (Steps L, P and Q) by an enzyme in the EC class 1.2.1. Such reactions are catalyzed by multienzyme complexes that catalyze a series of partial reactions which result in acylating oxidative decarboxylation of 2-keto-acids. Exemplary enzymes include 1) branched-chain 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase, 2) alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, and 3) the pyruvate dehydrogenase multienzyme complex (PDHC). Each of the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complexes occupies key positions in intermediary metabolism, and enzyme activity is typically tightly regulated (Fries et al., *Biochemistry* 42:6996-7002 (2003)). The enzymes share a complex but common structure composed of multiple copies of three catalytic components: alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase (E1), dihydrolipoamide acyltransferase (E2) and dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase (E3). The E3 component is shared among all 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complexes in an organism, while the E1 and E2 components are encoded by different genes. The enzyme components are present in numerous copies in the complex and utilize multiple cofactors to catalyze a directed sequence of reactions via substrate channeling. The overall size of these dehydrogenase complexes is very large, with molecular masses between 4 and 10 million Da (i.e. larger than a ribosome).

[0493] Activity of enzymes in the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase family is normally low or limited under anaerobic conditions in *E. coli*. Increased production of NADH (or NADPH) could lead to a redox-imbalance, and NADH itself serves as an inhibitor to enzyme function. Engineering efforts have increased the anaerobic activity of the *E. coli* pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (Kim et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 190:3851-3858 (2008); and Zhou et al., *Biotechnol. Lett.* 30:335-342 (2008)). For example, the inhibitory effect of NADH can be overcome by engineering an H322Y mutation in the E3 component (Kim et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 190:3851-3858 (2008)). Structural studies of individual components and how they work together in complex provide insight into the catalytic mechanisms and architecture of enzymes in this family (Aevarsson et al., *Nat. Struct. Biol.* 6:785-792 (1999); and Zhou et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S. A* 98:14802-14807 (2001)). The substrate specificity of the dehydrogenase complexes varies in different organisms, but generally branched-chain keto-acid dehydrogenases have the broadest substrate range.

[0494] Alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase (AKGD) converts alpha-ketoglutarate to succinyl-CoA and is the primary site of control of metabolic flux through the TCA cycle

(Hansford, *Curr. Top. Bioenerg.* 10:217-278 (1980)). Encoded by genes sucA, sucB and lpd in *E. coli*, AKGD gene expression is downregulated under anaerobic conditions and during growth on glucose (Park et al., *Mol. Microbiol.* 15:473-482 (1995)). Although the substrate range of AKGD is narrow, structural studies of the catalytic core of the E2 component pinpoint specific residues responsible for substrate specificity (Knapp et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 280:655-668 (1998)). The *Bacillus subtilis* AKGD, encoded by odhAB (E1 and E2) and pdhD (E3, shared domain), is regulated at the transcriptional level and is dependent on the carbon source and growth phase of the organism (Resnekov et al., *Mol. Gen. Genet.* 234:285-296 (1992)). In yeast, the LPD1 gene encoding the E3 component is regulated at the transcriptional level by glucose (Roy and Dawes, J. *Gen. Microbiol.* 133:925-933 (1987)). The E1 component, encoded by KGD1, is also regulated by glucose and activated by the products of HAP2 and HAP3 (Repetto and Tzagoloff, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 9:2695-2705 (1989)). The AKGD enzyme complex, inhibited by products NADH and succinyl-CoA, is well-studied in mammalian systems, as impaired function of has been linked to several neurological diseases (Tretter and dam-Vizi, Philos. *Trans. R. Soc. Lond B Biol. Sci.* 360:2335-2345 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
sucA	16128701	NP_415254.1	*Escherichia coli*
sucB	16128702	NP_415255.1	*Escherichia coli*
lpd	16128109	NP_414658.1	*Escherichia coli*
odhA	51704265	P23129.2	*Bacillus subtilis*
odhB	129041	P16263.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
pdhD	118672	P21880.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
KGD1	6322066	NP_012141.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
KGD2	6320352	NP_010432.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
LPD1	14318501	NP_116635.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

[0495] Branched-chain 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complex (BCKAD), also known as 2-oxoisovalerate dehydrogenase, participates in branched-chain amino acid degradation pathways, converting 2-keto acids derivatives of valine, leucine and isoleucine to their acyl-CoA derivatives and CO_2. The complex has been studied in many organisms including *Bacillus subtilis* (Wang et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 213:1091-1099 (1993)), *Rattus norvegicus* (Namba et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 244:4437-4447 (1969)) and *Pseudomonas putida* (Sokatch et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 148:647-652 (1981)). In *Bacillus subtilis* the enzyme is encoded by genes pdhD (E3 component), bfmBB (E2 component), bfmBAA and bfmBAB (E1 component) (Wang et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 213:1091-1099 (1993)). In mammals, the complex is regulated by phosphorylation by specific phosphatases and protein kinases. The complex has been studied in rat hepatocites (Chicco et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269:19427-19434 (1994)) and is encoded by genes Bckdha (E1 alpha), Bckdhb (E1 beta), Dbt (E2), and Dld (E3). The E1 and E3 components of the *Pseudomonas putida* BCKAD complex have been crystallized (Aevarsson et al., *Nat. Struct. Biol.* 6:785-792 (1999); and Mattevi et al., *Science.* 255: 1544-1550 (1992)) and the enzyme complex has been studied (Sokatch et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 148:647-652 (1981)). Transcription of the *P. putida* BCKAD genes is activated by the gene product of bkdR (Hesslinger et al., *Mol. Microbiol.* 27:477-492 (1998)). In some organisms including *Rattus norvegicus* (Paxton et al., *Biochem. J.* 234:295-303 (1986)) and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Sinclair et al., *Biochem. Mol. Biol. Int.* 31: 911-922 (1993)), this complex has been shown to have a broad substrate range that includes linear oxo-acids such as 2-oxobutanoate and alpha-ketoglutarate, in addition to the branched-chain amino acid precursors. The active site of the bovine BCKAD was engineered to favor alternate substrate acetyl-CoA (Meng and Chuang, *Biochemistry.* 33:12879-12885 (1994)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bfmBB	16079459	NP_390283.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
bfmBAA	16079461	NP_390285.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
bfmBAB	16079460	NP_390284.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
pdhD	118672	P21880.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
lpdV	118677	P09063.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
bkdB	129044	P09062.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
bkdA1	26991090	NP_746515.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
bkdA2	26991091	NP_746516.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
Bckdha	77736548	NP_036914.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
Bckdhb	158749538	NP_062140.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
Dbt	158749632	NP_445764.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
Dld	40786469	NP_955417.1	*Rattus norvegicus*

[0496] The pyruvate dehydrogenase complex, catalyzing the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA, has also been extensively studied. In the *E. coli* enzyme, specific residues in the E1 component are responsible for substrate specificity (Bisswanger, *J Biol Chem.* 256:815-822 (1981); Bremer, *Eur. J Biochem.* 8:535-540 (1969); and Gong et al., *J Biol Chem.* 275:13645-13653 (2000)). As mentioned previously, enzyme engineering efforts have improved the *E. coli* PDH enzyme activity under anaerobic conditions (Kim et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 73:1766-1771 (2007); Kim et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 190:3851-3858 (2008)); and Zhou et al., *Biotechnol. Lett.* 30:335-342 (2008)). In contrast to the *E. coli* PDH, the *B. subtilis* complex is active and required for growth under anaerobic conditions (Nakano et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 179:6749-6755 (1997)). The *Klebsiella pneumoniae* PDH, characterized during growth on glycerol, is also active under anaerobic conditions (Menzel et al., *J. Biotechnol.* 56:135-142 (1997)). Crystal structures of the enzyme complex from bovine kidney (Zhou et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S. A* 98:14802-14807 (2001)) and the E2 catalytic domain from *Azotobacter vinelandii* are available (Mattevi et al., *Science.* 255:1544-1550 (1992)). Some mammalian PDH enzymes complexes can react on alternate substrates such as 2-oxobutanoate, although comparative kinetics of *Rattus norvegicus* PDH and BCKAD indicate that BCKAD has higher activity on 2-oxobutanoate as a substrate (Paxton et al., *Biochem. J.* 234:295-303 (1986)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
aceE	16128107	NP_414656.1	*Escherichia coli*
aceF	16128108	NP_414657.1	*Escherichia coli*
lpd	16128109	NP_414658.1	*Escherichia coli*
pdhA	3123238	P21881.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
pdhB	129068	P21882.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
pdhC	129054	P21883.2	*Bacillus subtilis*
pdhD	118672	P21880.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
aceE	152968699	YP_001333808.1	*Klebsiella pneumonia*
aceF	152968700	YP_001333809.1	*Klebsiella pneumonia*
lpdA	152968701	YP_001333810.1	*Klebsiella pneumonia*

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Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Pdha1	124430510	NP_001004072.2	*Rattus norvegicus*
Pdha2	16758900	NP_446446.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
Dlat	78365255	NP_112287.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
Dld	40786469	NP_955417.1	*Rattus norvegicus*

[0497] As an alternative to the large multienzyme 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complexes described above, some anaerobic organisms utilize enzymes in the 2-ketoacid oxidoreductase family (OFOR) to catalyze acylating oxidative decarboxylation of 2-keto-acids. Unlike the dehydrogenase complexes, these enzymes contain iron-sulfur clusters, utilize different cofactors, and use ferredoxin or flavodoxin as electron acceptors in lieu of NAD(P)H. While most enzymes in this family are specific to pyruvate as a substrate (POR) some 2-keto-acid:ferredoxin oxidoreductases have been shown to accept a broad range of 2-ketoacids as substrates including alpha-ketoglutarate and 2-oxobutanoate (Fukuda and Wakagi, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1597:74-80 (2002); and Zhang et al., *J. Biochem.* 120:587-599 (1996)). One such enzyme is the OFOR from the thermoacidophilic archaeon *Sulfolobus tokodaii* 7, which contains an alpha and beta subunit encoded by gene ST2300 (Fukuda and Wakagi, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1597:74-80 (2002); and Zhang et al., *J. Biochem.* 120:587-599 (1996)). A plasmid-based expression system has been developed for efficiently expressing this protein in *E. coli* (Fukuda et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 268:5639-5646 (2001)) and residues involved in substrate specificity were determined (Fukuda and Wakagi, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1597:74-80 (2002)). Two OFORs from *Aeropyrum pernix* str. K1 have also been recently cloned into *E. coli*, characterized, and found to react with a broad range of 2-oxoacids (Nishizawa et al., *FEBS Lett.* 579:2319-2322 (2005)). The gene sequences of these OFOR candidates are available, although they do not have GenBank identifiers assigned to date. There is bioinformatic evidence that similar enzymes are present in all archaea, some anaerobic bacteria and amitochondrial eukarya (Fukuda and Wakagi, *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1597:74-80 (2002)). This class of enzyme is also interesting from an energetic standpoint, as reduced ferredoxin could be used to generate NADH by ferredoxin-NAD reductase (Petitdemange et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 421:334-337 (1976)). Also, since most of the enzymes are designed to operate under anaerobic conditions, less enzyme engineering may be required relative to enzymes in the 2-keto-acid dehydrogenase complex family for activity in an anaerobic environment.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ST2300	15922633	NP_378302.1	*Sulfolobus tokodaii* 7

[0498] 1.2.1.d Oxidoreductase (phosphonic acid to aldehyde). The reduction of a phosphonic acid to its corresponding aldehyde is catalyzed by an oxidoreductase in the EC class 1.2.1. Steps B and F in FIG. **13** require such an enzyme for the reduction of 6-AHOP and 6-AAHOP to their corresponding aldehydes. These reactions are not catalyzed by known enzymes, but a similar reaction is catalyzed by aspartate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (ASD, EC 1.2.1.11): the NADPH-dependent reduction of 4-aspartyl phosphate to aspartate-4-semialdehyde. ASD participates in amino acid biosynthesis and recently has been studied as an antimicrobial target (Hadfield et al., *Biochemistry* 40:14475-14483 (2001)). The *E. coli* ASD structure has been solved (Hadfield et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 289:991-1002 (1999)) and the enzyme has been shown to accept the alternate substrate beta-3-methylaspartyl phosphate (Shames et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 259:15331-15339 (1984)). The *Haemophilus influenzae* enzyme has been the subject of enzyme engineering studies to alter substrate binding affinities at the active site (Blanco et al., *Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr.* 60:1388-1395 (2004); and Blanco et al., *Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr.* 60:1808-1815 (2004)). Other ASD candidates are found in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Shafiani et al., *J Appl Microbiol* 98:832-838 (2005)), *Methanococcus jannaschii* (Faehnle et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 353:1055-1068 (2005)), and the infectious microorganisms *Vibrio cholera* and *Heliobacter pylori* (Moore et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 25:189-194 (2002)). A related enzyme candidate is acetylglutamylphosphate reductase (EC 1.2.1.38), an enzyme that naturally reduces acetylglutamylphosphate to acetylglutamate-5-semialdehyde, found in *S. cerevisiae* (Pauwels et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:1014-1024 (2003)), *B. subtilis* (O'Reilly and Devine, *Microbiology* 140 (Pt 5):1023-1025 (1994)) and other organisms.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Asd	16131307	NP_417891.1	*Escherichia coli*
Asd	68249223	YP_248335.1	*Haemophilus influenzae*
Asd	1899206	AAB49996	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
VC2036	15642038	NP_231670	*Vibrio cholera*
Asd	210135348	YP_002301787.1	*Heliobacter pylori*
ARG5,6	6320913	NP_010992.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
argC	16078184	NP_389001.1	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0499] 1.3.1.a Oxidoreductase (alkene to alkane). Several transformations fall into the category of oxidoreductases that reduce an alkene to an alkane (EC 1.3.1.-). For example, Steps C, G, K and N in FIG. **12**, catalyzed by OHED reductase, 6-OHE reductase, 2-AHE reductase and 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase, respectively, fall into this category. Enone reductase, alkenal reductase, and enoate reductase enzymes are suitable enzyme candidates for catalyzing the transformations of Steps C, G and K. Enoyl-CoA reductase enzymes catalyze the conversion of 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA (Step N).

[0500] Enzymes with enone reductase activity have been identified in prokaryotes, eukaryotes and plants (Shimoda et al., Bulletin of the chemical Society of Japan 77:2269-2 (2004); and Wanner and Tressl, *Eur. J Biochem.* 255:271-278 (1998)). Two enone reductases from the cytosolic fraction of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* were purified and characterized, and found to accept a variety of alkenals (similar to 6-OHE) and enoyl ketones (similar to OHED) as substrates (Wanner and Tressl, *Eur. J Biochem.* 255:271-278 (1998)). Genes encoding these enzymes have not been identified to date. Cell extracts of cyanobacterium *Synechococcus* sp. PCC7942 reduced a variety enone substrates to their corresponding alkyl ketones (Shimoda et al., *Bulletin of the chemical Society of Japan* 77:2269-2 (2004)). Genes have not been associated

with this activity in this organism. Enone reductases in other organisms can also catalyze this transformation.

[0501] A recombinant NADPH-dependent enone reductase from *Nicotiana tabacum*, encoded by NtRed1, was functionally expressed and characterized in *E. coli* (Matsushima et al., *Bioorganic Chemistry* 36:23-28 (2008)). This reductase was functional on the exocyclic enoyl ketone pulegone (Matsushima et al., *Bioorganic Chemistry* 36:23-28 (2008)). An enzyme candidate in *S. cerevisiae* at the locus YML131W, bears 30% identity to NtRed1 (evalue=1e-26). The amino acid sequence of NtRed1 shares significant homology with 2-alkenal reductase from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, zeta-crystallin homolog from *A. thaliana*, pulegone reductase from Menthe piperita and phenylpropenal alkene reductase from *Pinus taeda*. These enzymes are known to catalyze the reduction of alkenes of α,β-unsaturated ketones and aldehydes.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
NtRed1	6692816	BAA89423	*Nicotiana tabacum*
YML131W	45269874	AAS56318.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
AtDBR1	15237888	NP-197199	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
P2	886430	CAA89262	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
PulR	34559418	AAQ75423	*Menthe piperita*
PtPPDBR	110816011	ABG91753	*Pinus taeda*

[0502] 2-Alkenal reductase catalyzes the reduction of α,β-unsaturated double bonds of aldehydes and ketones. A barley alkenal hydrogenase ALH1 was identified with activity for a range of α,β-unsaturated ketones and aldehydes including trans-2-nonenal, 2-hexenal, traumatin and 1-octene-3-one (Hambraeus and Nyberg, *J Agric. Food Chem.* 53:8714-8721 (2005)). The *Hordeum vulgare* ALH1 cDNA was cloned expressed in *E. coli* (Hambraeus and Nyberg, *J Agric. Food Chem.* 53:8714-8721 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ALH1	62765876	AAX99161	*Hordeum vulgare*
ALH1	195652571	ACG45753	*Zea mays*

[0503] 2-Enoate reductase enzymes are known to catalyze the NAD(P)H-dependent reduction of a wide variety of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids and aldehydes (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). In the recently published genome sequence of *C. kluyveri,* 9 coding sequences for enoate reductases were reported, out of which one has been characterized (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 105:2128-2133 (2008)). The enr genes from both *C. tyrobutyricum* and *M. thermoaceticum* have been cloned and sequenced and show 59% identity to each other. The former gene is also found to have approximately 75% similarity to the characterized gene in *C. kluyveri* (Giesel and Simon, *Arch. Microbiol* 135:51-57 (1983)). It has been reported based on these sequence results that enr is very similar to the dienoyl CoA reductase in *E. coli* (fadH) (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). The *C. thermoaceticum* enr gene has also been expressed in a catalytically active form in *E. coli* (Rohdich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
enr	169405742	ACA54153.1	*Clostridium botulinum* A3 str
enr	2765041	CAA71086.1	*Clostridium tyrobutyricum*
enr	3402834	CAA76083.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
enr	83590886	YP_430895.1	*Moorella thermoacetica*
fadH	16130976	NP_417552.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0504] Another candidate enoate reductase is 3-oxoadipate oxidoreductase (maleylacetate reductase), an enzyme catalyzing the reduction of 2-maleylacetate (4-oxohex-2-enedioate) to 3-oxoadipate. The enzyme activity was identified and characterized in *Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13 (Kaschabek and Reineke, *J. Bacteriol.* 177:320-325 (1995); and Kaschabek. and Reineke, *J. Bacteriol.* 175:6075-6081 (1993)), and the coding gene was cloned and sequenced (Kasberg et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 179:3801-3803 (1997)). Candidate genes for 3-oxoadipate oxidoreductase include cicE gene from *Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13 (Kasberg et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 179:3801-3803 (1997)), macA gene from *Rhodococcus opacus* (Seibert et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 180:3503-3508 (1998)), and macA gene from *Ralstonia eutropha* (also known as *Cupriavidus necator*) (Seibert et al., *Microbiology* 150:463-472 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
clcE	3913241	O30847.1	*Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13
macA	7387876	O84992.1	*Rhodococcus opacus*
macA	5916089	AAD55886	*Cupriavidus necator*

[0505] Enoyl-CoA reductase enzymes are suitable enzymes for catalyzing the reduction of 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA to adipyl-CoA (FIG. **12**, Step N). One exemplary enoyl-CoA reductase is the gene product of bcd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., *Metab Eng* 10:305-311 (2008); and Boynton et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996)), which naturally catalyzes the reduction of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA. Activity of this enzyme can be enhanced by expressing bcd in conjunction with expression of the *C. acetobutylicum* etfAB genes, which encode an electron transfer flavoprotein. An additional candidate for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the mitochondrial enoyl-CoA reductase from *E. gracilis* (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). A construct derived from this sequence following the removal of its mitochondrial targeting leader sequence was cloned in *E. coli* resulting in an active enzyme (Hoffmeister et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). This approach is well known to those skilled in the art of expressing eukaryotic genes, particularly those with leader sequences that may target the gene product to a specific intracellular compartment, in prokaryotic organisms. A close homolog of this gene, TDE0597, from the prokaryote *Treponema denticola* represents a third enoyl-CoA reductase which has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Tucci and Martin, *Febs Letters* 581: 1561-1566 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bcd	15895968	NP_349317.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfA	15895966	NP_349315.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfB	15895967	NP_349316.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
TER	62287512	Q5EU90.1	*Euglena gracilis*
TDE0597	42526113	NP_971211.1	*Treponema denticola*

[0506] Additional enoyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates are found in organisms that degrade aromatic compounds. *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*, a model organism for benzoate degradation, has the enzymatic capability to degrade pimelate via beta-oxidation of pimeloyl-CoA. Adjacent genes in the pim operon, pimC and pimD, bear sequence homology to *C. acetobutylicum* bcd and are predicted to encode a flavin-containing pimeloyl-CoA dehydrogenase (Harrison and Harwood, *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)). The genome of nitrogen-fixing soybean symbiont *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* also contains a pim operon composed of genes with high sequence similarity to pimC and pimD of *R. palustris* (Harrison and Harwood, *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pimC	39650632	CAE29155	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
pimD	39650631	CAE29154	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
pimC	27356102	BAC53083	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*
pimD	27356101	BAC53082	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*

[0507] An additional candidate is 2-methyl-branched chain enoyl-CoA reductase (EC 1.3.1.52), an enzyme catalyzing the reduction of sterically hindered trans-enoyl-CoA substrates. This enzyme participates in branched-chain fatty acid synthesis in the nematode *Ascarius suum* and is capable of reducing a variety of linear and branched chain substrates including 2-methylbutanoyl-CoA, 2-methylpentanoyl-CoA, octanoyl-CoA and pentanoyl-CoA (Duran et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 268:22391-22396 (1993)). Two isoforms of the enzyme, encoded by genes acad1 and acad, have been characterized.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acad1	2407655	AAC48316.1	*Ascarius suum*
acad	347404	AAA16096.1	*Ascarius suum*

[0508] 1.4.1.a Oxidoreductase (ketone or aldehyde to amino). Oxidoreductases in the EC class 1.4.1 that convert an aldehyde or ketone to its corresponding amine group catalyze several biosynthetic steps in the disclosed pathways. In FIG. **12**, the conversions of OHED to 2-AHE (Step J), 2-OHD to 2-AHD (Step H) and adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate (Step E) are catalyzed by OHED aminating oxidoreductase, 2-OHD aminating oxidoreductase and adipate semialdehyde aminating oxidoreductase. In FIG. **13**, conversion of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to HMDA (Step H) and 6-acetamidohexanal to 6-acetamidohexanamine (Step G), are also catalyzed by aminating oxidoreductases.

[0509] Most aminating oxidoreductases catalyze the reversible oxidative deamination of alpha-amino acids with NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor, and the reactions are typically reversible. Exemplary enzymes include glutamate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by gdhA, leucine dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by ldh, and aspartate dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by nadX. The gdhA gene product from *Escherichia coli* (Korber et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 234:1270-1273 (1993); and McPherson et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 11:5257-5266 (1983)), gdh from *Thermotoga maritime* (Kort et al., *Extremophiles.* 1:52-60 (1997); Lebbink et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 280:287-296 (1998); and Lebbink et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 289:357-369 (1999)), and gdhA1 from Halobacterium salinarum (Ingoldsby et al., *Gene* 349:237-244 (2005)) catalyze the reversible interconversion of glutamate to 2-oxoglutarate and ammonia, while favoring NADP(H), NAD(H), or both, respectively. The ldh gene of *Bacillus cereus* encodes the LeuDH protein that has a wide of range of substrates including leucine, isoleucine, valine, and 2-aminobutanoate (Ansorge and Kula, Biotechnol Bioeng 68:557-562 (2000); and Stoyan et al., *J Biotechnol.* 54:77-80 (1997)). The nadX gene from *Thermotoga maritime* encoding for the aspartate dehydrogenase is involved in the biosynthesis of NAD (Yang et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 278:8804-8808 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gdhA	118547	P00370	*Escherichia coli*
gdh	6226595	P96110.4	*Thermotoga maritima*
gdhA1	15789827	NP_279651.1	*Halobacterium salinarum*
ldh	61222614	P0A393	*Bacillus cereus*
nadX	15644391	NP_229443.1	*Thermotoga maritima*

[0510] Lysine 6-dehydrogenase (deaminating), encoded by lysDH, catalyzes the oxidative deamination of the 6-amino group of L-lysine to form 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde, which in turn non-enzymatically cyclizes to form Δ^1-piperideine-6-carboxylate (Misono and Nagasaki, *J. Bacteriol.* 150:398-401 (1982)). Exemplary enzymes can be found in *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (Heydari et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 70:937-942 (2004)), *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Hashimoto et al., *J Biochem.* 106:76-80 (1989); and Misono and Nagasaki, J. Bacteriol. 150:398-401 (1982)), and *Achromobacter denitrificans* (Ruldeekulthamrong et al., *BMB. Rep.* 41:790-795 (2008)). Such enzymes are particularly good candidates for converting adipate semialdehyde to 6-aminocaproate given the structural similarity between adipate semialdehyde and 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lysDH	13429872	BAB39707	*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*
lysDH	15888285	NP_353966	*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
lysDH	74026644	AAZ94428	*Achromobacter denitrificans*

[0511] 2.3.1.a Acyltransferase (transferring CoA to phospho). Acyltransferases that exchange a CoA moiety for a phosphate are in the EC class 2.3.1. Transformations in this category include the conversions of 6-AAHOP to 6-acetami-

dohexanoyl-CoA (FIG. **13**, Step K) and 6-AHOP to 6-aminocaproyl-CoA (FIG. **13**, Step L). Exemplary phosphate-transferring acyltransferases include phosphotransacetylase (EC 2.3.1.8), encoded by pta, and phosphotransbutyrylase (EC 2.3.1.19), encoded by ptb. The pta gene from *E. coli* encodes an enzyme that reversibly converts acetyl-CoA into acetyl-phosphate (Suzuki, T., Biochim. Biophys. Acta 191: 559-569 (1969)). This enzyme can also utilize propionyl-CoA as a substrate, forming propionate in the process (Hesslinger et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 27:477-492 (1998)). Similarly, the ptb gene from *C. acetobutylicum* encodes phosphate transbutyrylase, an enzyme that reversibly converts butyryl-CoA into butyryl-phosphate (Walter et al., *Gene* 134:107-111 (1993); and Wiesenborn et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 55:317-322 (1989)). Additional ptb genes are found in butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50 (Louis et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 186:2099-2106 (2004)) and *Bacillus megaterium* (Vazquez et al., *Curr. Microbiol* 42:345-349 (2001)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Pta	16130232	NP_416800.1	*Escherichia coli*
Ptb	15896327	NP_349676	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
Ptb	38425288	AAR19757.1	butyrate-producing bacterium L2-50
Ptb	10046659	CAC07932.1	*Bacillus megaterium*

[0512] 2.3.1.c Acyltransferase (N-acetyltransferase). N-Acetyltransferases transfer an acetyl group to an amine, forming an N-acetyl group. N-Acetylation serves diverse functions in biological systems including transcriptional regulation, nuclear import, chromosome assembly and nucleosome remodeling (Kouzarides, *EMBO J* 19:1176-1179 (2000)). N-Acetylation of metabolic intermediates of arginine biosynthetic pathways serves both to protect reactive intermediates from spontaneous cyclization and also to sequester pathway intermediates from competing pathways (Caldovic and Tuchman, *Biochem. J* 372:279-290 (2003)). Acetylation of 6-ACA (FIG. **13**, step D) serves a similar role in the proposed HMDA biosynthesis route of FIG. **13**, protecting reactive intermediates from spontaneous cyclization.

[0513] One candidate enzyme for acetylating 6-ACA is lysine N-acetyltransferase (EC 2.3.1.32), an enzyme which selectively transfers the acetyl moiety from acetyl phosphate to the terminal amino group of L-lysine, beta-L-lysine or L-ornithine. Although this enzyme is not known to acetylate 6-ACA, this substrate is structurally similar to the natural substrate. Lysine N-acetyltransferase has been characterized in *Bos taurus* (Paik. and Kim, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 108: 221-229, 1964) and *Methanosarcina mazei* (Pfluger et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 69:6047-6055 (2003)). Methanogenic archaea *M. maripaludis, M. acetivorans, M. barkeri* and *M. jannaschii* are also predicted to encode enzymes with this functionality (Pfluger et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 69:6047-6055 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ablB	21227037	NP_632959.1	*Methanosarcina mazei*
yodP	44921183	CAF30418	*Methanococcus maripaludis*

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Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
MA3978	20092772	NP_618847.1	*Methanosarcina acetivorans*
MJ0635	15668816	NP_247619.1	*Methanocaldococcus jannaschii*
Mbar_A0671	73668215	YP_304230.1	*Methanosarcina barkeri*

[0514] Alternately, 6-ACA acetylation can be catalyzed by an enzyme in the GNAT family of N-acetyltransferases. Such enzymes transfer an acetyl group from acetyl-CoA to a primary amine. The enzyme spermidine N-acetyltransferase (S SAT), also known as diamine N-acetyltransferase (EC 2.3.1. 57), is capable of acetylating a variety of small molecule substrates. Purified enzymes from *Ascaris suum* and *Onchocerca volvulus* exhibit a broad substrate range that includes HMDA (Davids et al., Mol. *Biochem. Parasitol.* 64:341-344 (1994); and Wittich and Walter, *Mol. Biochem. Parasitol.* 38:13-17 (1990)), but the associated genes have not been identified to date. Other enzymes with this functionality are found in *Bacillus subtilis* (Forouhar et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:40328-40336 (2005)) and *Homo sapiens* (Casero and Pegg, FASEB J 7:653-661 (1993)). A closely related enzyme is thialysine N-acetyltransferase in *C. elegans*, an enzyme that accepts a range of substrates including lysine, ornithine, thialysine and others (bo-Dalo et al., *Biochem. J* 384:129-137 (2004)). Amino acid residues involved in substrate binding were identified in the thialysine N-acetyltransferase from *Leishmania major* (Luersen, K., FEBS Lett. 579:5347-5352 (2005)). An additional candidate is the diaminobutyrate acetyltransferase (EC 2.3.1.178), an enzyme participating in ectoine biosynthesis in *Methylomicrobium alcaliphilum* (Reshetnikov et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 184:286-297 (2006)) *C. salexigens* (formerly *Halomonas elongata*) (Canovas et al., *Syst. Appl Microbiol* 21:487-497 (1998)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paiA	16080268	NP_391095.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
SSAT1	114322	P21673	*Homo sapiens*
D2023.4	17559148	NP_505978.1	*Caenorhabditis elegans*
LmjF36.2750	68129928	CAJ09234.1	*Leishmania major*
ectA	68366269	AAY96770.1	*Methylomicrobium alcaliphilum* 20Z
ectA	6685422	Q9ZEU8.1	*Chromohalobacter salexigens*

[0515] An additional enzyme candidate for acetylating 6-ACA (FIG. **13**, Step D) and de-acetylating 6-acetamidehexanamine (FIG. **13**, Step H) is ornithine acetyltransferase (OAT, EC 2.3.1.35 and EC 2.3.1.1), a bifunctional enzyme which catalyzes two steps of arginine biosynthesis (FIG. **14**A). The first step of arginine biosynthesis (FIG. **14**A, step 1) is the N-acetylation of glutamate, catalyzed by OAT with acetyl-CoA as an acetyl donor (O'Reilly and Devine, *Microbiology* 140 (Pt 5):1023-1025 (1994)). OAT also catalyzes the fifth step of arginine biosynthesis (FIG. **14**A, step 2), in which an N-acetyl group is transferred from N-acetyl-L-ornithine to L-glutamate, the first metabolite in the arginine biosynthesis pathway. This transformation serves to recycle the acetyl

group and regenerate N-acetylglutamate, conserving energy and thereby making the linear pathway a cyclic route. A similar strategy can be employed in HMDA biosynthesis from 6-aminocaproate, with a single enzyme acetylating 6-aminocaproate and de-acetylating 6-acetamidohexanamine to form HMDA (FIG. **14**B). Exemplary OAT enzymes are encoded by argJ in *Bacillus subtilis* (O'Reilly and Devine, *Microbiology* 140 (Pt 5):1023-1025 (1994); and Sakanyan et al., *Journal of General Microbiology* 138:125-130 (1992)) and ECM40 in *S. cerevisiae* (Abadjieva et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 275:11361-11367 (2000); and Liu et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 228:291-296 (1995)). Crystal structures of the enzymes from yeast (Maes et al., *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. F. Struct. Biol. Cryst. Commun.* 62:1294-1297 (2006)) and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Sankaranarayanan et al., *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. F. Struct. Biol. Cryst. Commun.* 65:173-176 (2009)) are available. Although encoded by a single open reading frame, OAT enzymes have distinct alpha and beta subunit peptides (Liu et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 228:291-296 (1995)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
argJ	16078185	NP_389002.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
ECM40 (ARG7)	6323707	NP_013778.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
Rv1653	15608791	NP_216169.1	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

[0516] 2.3.1.d Acyltransferase (formate C-acyltransferase). The acylation of ketoacids HODH, OHED and 2-OHD to their corresponding CoA derivatives (FIG. **12**, Steps L, P and Q) and concurrent release of formate, is catalyzed by formate C-acyltransferase enzymes in the EC class 2.3.1. Enzymes in this class include pyruvate formate-lyase and ketoacid formate-lyase. Pyruvate formate-lyase (PFL, EC 2.3.1.54), encoded by pflB in *E. coli*, converts pyruvate into acetyl-CoA and formate. The active site of PFL contains a catalytically essential glycyl radical that is posttranslationally activated under anaerobic conditions by PFL-activating enzyme (PFL-AE, EC 1.97.1.4) encoded by pf/A (Knappe et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 81:1332-1335 (1984); and Wong et al., *Biochemistry* 32:14102-14110 (1993)). A pyruvate formate-lyase from Archaeglubus fulgidus encoded by pf/D has been cloned, expressed in *E. coli* and characterized (Lehtio, L. and A. Goldman, *Protein Eng Des Sel* 17:545-552 (2004)). The crystal structures of the *A. fulgidus* and *E. coli* enzymes have been resolved (Lehtio et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 357: 221-235 (2006)). Additional PFL and PFL-AE candidates are found in *Clostridium pasteurianum* (Weidner and Sawers, *J. Bacteriol.* 178:2440-2444 (1996)) and the eukaryotic alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (Cary et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990)). Keto-acid formate-lyase (EC 2.3.1.-), also known as 2-ketobutyrate formate-lyase (KFL) and pyruvate formate-lyase 4, is the gene product of tdcE in *E. coli*. This enzyme catalyzes the conversion of 2-ketobutyrate to propionyl-CoA and formate during anaerobic threonine degradation, and can also substitute for pyruvate formate-lyase in anaerobic catabolism (Simanshu et al., *J Biosci.* 32:1195-1206 (2007)). The enzyme is oxygen-sensitive and, like PflB, requires post-translational modification by PFL-AE to activate a glycyl radical in the active site (Hesslinger et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 27:477-492 (1998)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pflB	16128870	NP_415423.1	*Escherichia coli*
pflA	16128869	NP_415422.1	*Escherichia coli*
tdcE	48994926	AAT48170.1	*Escherichia coli*
pflD	11499044	NP_070278.1	*Archaeglubus fulgidus*
pfl	2500058	Q46266.1	*Clostridium pasteurianum*
act	1072362	CAA63749.1	*Clostridium pasteurianum*
pfl1	159462978	XP_001689719.1	*Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*
pflA1	159485246	XP_001700657.1	*Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*

[0517] 2.6.1.a Aminotransferase. Steps E, H and J of FIG. **12** and Steps C and G of FIG. **13** require conversion of an aldehyde or ketone to an amino group. This transformation can be accomplished by an aminotransferase (EC 2.6.1.-). The conversion of an aldehyde to a terminal amine (FIG. **12**, Step E; FIG. **13**, Steps C and G) can be catalyzed by gamma-aminobutyrate transaminase (GABA transaminase). One *E. coli* GABA transaminase is encoded by gabT and transfers an amino group from glutamate to the terminal aldehyde of succinic semialdehyde (Bartsch et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 172:7035-7042 (1990)). This enzyme exhibits a broad substrate range (Liu et al., *Biochemistry* 43:10896-10905 (2004)). The gene product of puuE encodes the other 4-aminobutyrate transaminase in *E. coli* (Kurihara et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4602-4608 (2005)). GABA transaminases in *Mus musculus, Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Sus scrofa* have been shown to react with 6-aminocaproic acid (Cooper, *Methods Enzymol.* 113:80-82 (1985); and Scott and Jakoby, *J Biol. Chem.* 234:932-936 (1959)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gabT	16130576	NP_417148.1	*Escherichia coli*
puuE	16129263	NP_415818.1	*Escherichia coli*
abat	37202121	NP_766549.2	*Mus musculus*
gabT	70733692	YP_257332.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
abat	47523600	NP_999428.1	*Sus scrofa*

[0518] Additional enzyme candidates include putrescine aminotransferases or other diamine aminotransferases. Such enzymes are particularly well suited for carrying out the conversion of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde to HMDA. The *E. coli* putrescine aminotransferase is encoded by the ygjG gene and the purified enzyme also was able to transaminate cadaverine and spermidine (Samsonova et al., *BMC. Microbiol* 3:2 (2003)). In addition, activity of this enzyme on 1,7-diaminoheptane and with amino acceptors other than 2-oxoglutarate (e.g., pyruvate, 2-oxobutanoate) has been reported (Kim, *J Biol. Chem.* 239:783-786 (1964); and Samsonova et al., *BMC. Microbiol* 3:2 (2003)). A putrescine aminotransferase with higher activity with pyruvate as the amino acceptor than alpha-ketoglutarate is the spuC gene of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (Lu et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:3765-3773 (2002)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ygjG	145698310	NP_417544	*Escherichia coli*
spuC	9946143	AAG03688	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

[0519] Additional candidate enzymes include beta-alanine/alpha-ketoglutarate aminotransferases which produce malonic semialdehyde from beta-alanine (WO08027742). The gene product of SkPYD4 in *Saccharomyces kluyveri* was shown to preferentially use beta-alanine as the amino group donor (Andersen and Hansen, *Gene* 124:105-109 (1993)). SkUGA1 encodes a homologue of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* GABA aminotransferase, UGA1 (Ramos et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 149:401-404 (1985)), whereas SkPYD4 encodes an enzyme involved in both β-alanine and GABA transamination (Andersen and Hansen, *Gene* 124:105-109 (1993)). 3-Amino-2-methylpropionate transaminase catalyzes the transformation from methylmalonate semialdehyde to 3-amino-2-methylpropionate. The enzyme has been characterized in *Rattus norvegicus* and *Sus scrofa* and is encoded by Abat 1968 (Kakimoto et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 156:374-380 (1968); and Tamaki et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 324:376-389 (2000)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
SkyPYD4	98626772	ABF58893.1	*Saccharomyces kluyveri*
SkUGA1	98626792	ABF58894.1	*Saccharomyces kluyveri*
UGA1	6321456	NP_011533.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
Abat	122065191	P50554.3	*Rattus norvegicus*
Abat	120968	P80147.2	*Sus scrofa*

Steps J and H of FIG. **12** are catalyzed by aminotransferases that transform amino acids into oxo-acids. In Step J, OHED is transaminated to form 2-AHE by OHED aminotransferase. The transamination of 2-OHD to 2-AHD by 2-OHD aminotransferase (Step H) is a similar reaction. An exemplary enzyme candidate for catalyzing these reactions is aspartate aminotransferase, an enzyme that naturally transfers an oxo group from oxaloacetate to glutamate, forming alpha-ketoglutarate and aspartate. Aspartate is similar in structure to OHED and 2-AHD. Aspartate aminotransferase activity is catalyzed by, for example, the gene products of aspC from *Escherichia coli* (Yagi et al., *FEBS Lett.* 100:81-84, (1979); and Yagi et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 113:83-89 (1985)), AAT2 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Yagi et al., *J. Biochem.* 92:35-43 (1982)) and ASPS from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (de la Torre et al., *Plant J* 46:414-425 (2006); Kwok and Hanson, *J Exp. Bot.* 55:595-604 (2004); and Wilkie and Warren, *Protein Expr. Purif.* 12:381-389 (1998)). The enzyme from *Rattus norvegicus* has been shown to transaminate alternate substrates such as 2-aminohexanedioic acid and 2,4-diaminobutyric acid (Recasens et al., *Biochemistry* 19:4583-4589 (1980)). Aminotransferases that work on other amino-acid substrates can catalyze this transformation. Valine aminotransferase catalyzes the conversion of valine and pyruvate to 2-ketoisovalerate and alanine. The *E. coli* gene, avtA, encodes one such enzyme (Whalen and Berg, C. *J. Bacteriol.* 150:739-746 (1982)). This gene product also catalyzes the transamination of α-ketobutyrate to generate α-aminobutyrate, although the amine donor in this reaction has not been identified (Whalen and Berg, *J. Bacteriol.* 158:571-574 (1984)). The gene product of the *E. coli* serC catalyzes two reactions, phosphoserine aminotransferase and phosphohydroxythreonine aminotransferase (Lam and Winkler, *J. Bacteriol.* 172:6518-6528 (1990)), and activity on non-phosphorylated substrates could not be detected (Drewke et al., *FEBS. Lett.* 390:179-182 (1996)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
aspC	16128895	NP_415448.1	*Escherichia coli*
AAT2	1703040	P23542.3	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
ASP5	20532373	P46248.2	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
Got2	112987	P00507	*Rattus norvegicus*
avtA	49176374	YP_026231.1	*Escherichia coli*
serC	16128874	NP_415427.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0520] 2.7.2.a Phosphotransferase (carboxy acceptor). Phosphotransferase enzymes in the EC class 2.7.2 transform carboxylic acids to phosphonic acids with concurrent hydrolysis of one ATP. Steps A and E in FIG. **13** require a phosphotransferase to activate the carboxyl groups of 6-ACA (Step A) and 6-acetamidohexanoate (Step E) to their corresponding phosphonic acids. Butyrate kinase carries out the reversible conversion of butyryl-phosphate to butyrate during acidogenesis in *C. acetobutylicum* (Cary et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990)). This enzyme is encoded by either of the two buk gene products (Huang et al., *J. Mol. Microbiol Biotechnol* 2:33-38 (2000)). Related enzyme isobutyrate kinase from *Thermotoga maritima* has also been expressed in *E. coli* and crystallized (Diao et al., *Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr.* 59:1100-1102 (2003); and Diao and Hasson, *J. Bacteriol.* 191:2521-2529 (2009)). Aspartokinase catalyzes the ATP-dependent phosphorylation of aspartate and participates in the synthesis of several amino acids. The aspartokinase III enzyme in *E. coli*, encoded by lysC, has a broad substrate range and the catalytic residues involved in substrate specificity have been elucidated (Keng and Viola, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 335:73-81 (1996)). Two additional kinases in *E. coli* are also good candidates: acetate kinase and gamma-glutamyl kinase. The *E. coli* acetate kinase, encoded by ackA (Skarstedt and Silverstein, *J. Biol. Chem.* 251:6775-6783 (1976)), phosphorylates propionate in addition to acetate (Hesslinger et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 27:477-492 (1998)). The *E. coli* gamma-glutamyl kinase, encoded by proB (Smith et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 157:545-551 (1984)), phosphorylates the gamma carbonic acid group of glutamate.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
buk1	15896326	NP_349675	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	20137415	Q97II1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	6685256	Q9X278.1	*Thermotoga maritima*
lysC	16131850	NP_418448.1	*Escherichia coli*
ackA	16130231	NP_416799.1	*Escherichia coli*
proB	16128228	NP_414777.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0521] Acetylglutamate kinase phosphorylates acetylated glutamate during arginine biosynthesis and is a good candidate for phosphorylating 6-acetamidohexanoate (FIG. **13**, Step E). This enzyme is not known to accept alternate substrates; however, several residues of the *E. coli* enzyme involved in substrate binding and phosphorylation have been elucidated by site-directed mutagenesis (Marco-Martin et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 334:459-476 (2003); and Ramon-Maiques et al., *Structure.* 10:329-342 (2002)). The enzyme is encoded by argB in *Bacillus subtilis* and *E. coli* (Parsot et al., *Gene* 68:275-283 (1988)), and ARG5,6 in *S. cerevisiae* (Pauwels et

al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:1014-1024 (2003)). The ARG5,6 gene of *S. cerevisiae* encodes a polyprotein precursor that is matured in the mitochondrial matrix to become acetylglutamate kinase and acetylglutamylphosphate reductase, an enzyme candidate for the reduction of 6-AAHOP (FIG. **13**, Step F).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
argB	145698337	NP_418394.3	*Escherichia coli*
argB	16078186	NP_389003.1	*Bacillus subtilis*
ARG5,6	6320913	NP_010992.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

[0522] 2.8.3.a Coenzyme-A transferase. Coenzyme-A (CoA) transferases catalyze the reversible transfer of a CoA moiety from one molecule to another. In Step M of FIG. **13**, 3-aminocaproyl-CoA is formed by the transfer of a CoA group from acetyl-CoA, succinyl-CoA, or another CoA donor. A similar transformation is catalyzed by 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA-transferase, shown in Step I of FIG. **13**. Exemplary CoA transferase candidates are catalyzed by the gene products of cat1, cat2, and cat3 of *Clostridium kluyveri* which have been shown to exhibit succinyl-CoA, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, and butyryl-CoA transferase activity, respectively (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 105:2128-2133 (2008); and Sohling and Gottschalk, *J. Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)). Similar CoA transferase activities are also present in Trichomonas vaginalis (van Grinsven et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 283:1411-1418 (2008)) and *Trypanosoma brucei* (Riviere et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 279:45337-45346 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
cat1	729048	P38946.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat2	172046066	P38942.2	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat3	146349050	EDK35586.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
TVAG_395550	123975034	XP_001330176	*Trichomonas vaginalis* G3
Tb11.02.0290	71754875	XP_828352	*Trypanosoma brucei*

[0523] A CoA transferase that can utilize acetyl-CoA as the CoA donor is acetoacetyl-CoA transferase, encoded by the *E. coli* atoA (alpha subunit) and atoD (beta subunit) genes (Korolev et al., *Acta Crystallogr. D. Biol. Crystallogr.* 58:2116-2121 (2002); and Vanderwinkel et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)). This enzyme has a broad substrate range (Sramek and Frerman, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 171:14-26 (1975)) and has been shown to transfer the CoA moiety to acetate from a variety of branched and linear acyl-CoA substrates, including isobutyrate (Matthies and Schink, *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 58:1435-1439 (1992)), valerate (Vanderwinkel et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)) and butanoate (Vanderwinkel et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)). This enzyme is induced at the transcriptional level by acetoacetate, so modification of regulatory control may be necessary for engineering this enzyme into a pathway (Pauli and Overath, *Eur. J Biochem.* 29:553-562 (1972)). Similar enzymes exist in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032 (Duncan et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 68:5186-5190 (2002)), *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (Cary et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990); and Wiesenborn et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 55:323-329 (1989)), and *Clostridium* saccharoperbutylacetonicum (Kosaka et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem.* 71:58-68 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
AtoA	2492994	NP_416726	*Escherichia coli K12*
AtoD	2492990	NP_416725	*Escherichia coli K12*
actA	62391407	YP_226809.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032
cg0592	62389399	YP_224801.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032
ctfA	15004866	NP_149326.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfB	15004867	NP_149327.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfA	31075384	AAP42564.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*
ctfB	31075385	AAP42565.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*

[0524] The glutaconyl-CoA-transferase (EC 2.8.3.12) enzyme from anaerobic bacterium *Acidaminococcus fermentans* reacts with glutaconyl-CoA and 3-butenoyl-CoA (Mack et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 (1994)). The genes encoding this enzyme are gctA and gctB. This enzyme has reduced but detectable activity with other CoA derivatives including glutaryl-CoA, 2-hydroxyglutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA and acrylyl-CoA (Buckel et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 118:315-321 (1981)). The enzyme has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Mack et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 (1994)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gctA	559392	CAA57199.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
gctB	559393	CAA57200.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*

[0525] Yet another CoA transferase is the two-unit succinyl-CoA:3:oxoacid-CoA transferase encoded by pcal and pcaJ in *Pseudomonas putida* (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)). Similar enzymes based on homology exist in *Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1 (Kowalchuk et al., *Gene* 146:23-30 (1994)). Additional exemplary succinyl-CoA:3:oxoacid-CoA transferases are present in *Helicobacter pylori* (Corthesy-Theulaz et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:25659-25667 (1997)) and *Bacillus subtilis* (Stols et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 53:396-403 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pcaI	24985644	AAN69545.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaJ	26990657	NP_746082.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaI	50084858	YP_046368.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaJ	141776	AAC37147.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaI	21224997	NP_630776.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
pcaJ	21224996	NP_630775.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
HPAG1_0676	108563101	YP_627417	*Helicobacter pylori*
HPAG1_0677	108563102	YP_627418	*Helicobacter pylori*
ScoA	16080950	NP_391778	*Bacillus subtilis*
ScoB	16080949	NP_391777	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0526] 3.5.1.a Hydrolase (acting on linear amides). Deacetylation of linear acetamides is catalyzed by an amidohydrolase in the 3.5.1 family of enzymes. Such an enzyme is required for the deacetylation of 6-acetamidohexanamine to HMDA (FIG. **13**, Step H). An enzyme catalyzing a similar transformation is 4-acetamidobutyrate deacetylase (EC 3.5.1.63), which naturally deacetylates 4-acetamidobutyrate. The enzyme, studied for its role in putrescine degradation in *Candida boidinii* (Gillyon et al., *Journal of General Microbiology* 133:2477-2485 (1987)), has been shown to deacetylate a variety of substrates including 6-acetamidohexanoate (Haywood and Large, *Journal of General Microbiology* 132:7-14 (1986)). Although 6-Acetamidohexanoate is similar in structure to the desired substrate, deacetylation of this compound (FIG. **13**, step D, reverse reaction) may hinder efficient production of HMDA. Protein engineering or directed evolution may be required to improve specificity for 6-acetamidohexanamine. The gene associated with this activity has not been identified to date.

[0527] Acetylpolyamine amidohydrolase (EC 3.5.1.62), is another candidate enzyme that forms the diamines putrescine and cadaverine from their acetylated precursors. The acetylpolyamine deacetylase (AphA) from Mycoplana ramosa has been cloned in *E. coli* and characterized (Sakurada et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:5781-5786 (1996)) and a crystal structure is available (Fujishiro et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 157:1169-1174 (1988)). This enzyme has also been studied in *Micrococcus luteus*, but the associated gene has not been identified to date (Suzuki et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 882:140-142 (1986)). A protein the histone deacetylase superfamily with high sequence similarity to AphA was identified in the *M. luteus* genome (evalue=1e-18, 37% identity). The N-acetyl-L-ornithine deacetylase from *E. coli* is another candidate amidohydrolase (EC 3.5.1.16). The *E. coli* enzyme, encoded by the argE gene (McGregor et al., *J Am. Chem. Soc.* 127:14100-14107 (2005); and Meinnel et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 174:2323-2331 (1992)), removes N-acetyl groups from a variety of substrates including ornithine, lysine, glutamine, and other amino acids (Javid-Majd and Blanchard, *Biochemistry* 39:1285-1293 (2000)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
aphA	3023317	Q48935.1	*Mycoplana ramose*
MlutDRAFT_1143	172071524	EDT57566.1	*Micrococcus luteus*
argE	16131795	NP_418392.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0528] 4.1.1.a Carboxy-lyase. Steps D and F in FIG. **12** are catalyzed by 2-ketoacid decarboxylase enzymes that generate 6-OHE and adipate semialdehyde from OHED (Step F) and 2-OHD (Step D). In addition, alpha-ketoglutarate is decarboxylated to form pathway precursor succinic semialdehyde by alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase, a keto-acid decarboxylase. The decarboxylation of keto-acids is catalyzed by a variety of enzymes with varied substrate specificities, including pyruvate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.1), benzoylformate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.7), alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and branched-chain alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase. Pyruvate decarboxylase (PDC), also termed keto-acid decarboxylase, is a key enzyme in alcoholic fermentation, catalyzing the decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetaldehyde. The enzyme from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has a broad substrate range for aliphatic 2-keto acids including 2-ketobutyrate, 2-ketovalerate, 3-hydroxypyruvate and 2-phenylpyruvate (22). This enzyme has been extensively studied, engineered for altered activity, and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Killenberg-Jabs et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 268:1698-1704 (2001); Li, H. and F. Jordan, *Biochemistry.* 38:10004-10012 (1999); and ter Schure et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 64:1303-1307 (1998)). The PDC from *Zymomonas mobilus*, encoded by pdc, also has a broad substrate range and has been a subject of directed engineering studies to alter the affinity for different substrates (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)). The crystal structure of this enzyme is available (Killenberg-Jabs et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 268:1698-1704 (2001)). Other well-characterized PDC candidates include the enzymes from *Acetobacter pasteurians* (Chandra et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 176:443-451 (2001)) and *Kluyveromyces lactis* (Krieger et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 269:3256-3263 (2002)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pdc	118391	P06672.1	*Zymomonas mobilus*
pdc1	30923172	P06169	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
pdc	20385191	Q8L388	*Acetobacter pasteurians*
pdc1	52788279	Q12629	*Kluyveromyces lactis*

[0529] Like PDC, benzoylformate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.7) has a broad substrate range and has been the target of enzyme engineering studies. The enzyme from *Pseudomonas putida* has been extensively studied and crystal structures of this enzyme are available (Hasson et al., *Biochemistry* 37:9918-9930 (1998); and Polovnikova et al., *Biochemistry* 42:1820-1830 (2003)). Site-directed mutagenesis of two residues in the active site of the *Pseudomonas putida* enzyme altered the affinity (Km) of naturally and non-naturally occurring substrates (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)). The properties of this enzyme have been further modified by directed engineering (Lingen et al., *Protein Eng* 15:585-593 (2002); and Lingen et al., *Chembiochem.* 4:721-726 (2003)). The enzyme from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, encoded by mdlC, has also been characterized experimentally (Barrowman et al., *FEMS Microbiology Letters* 34:57-60 (1986)). Additional gene candidates from *Pseudomonas stutzeri, Pseudomonas fluorescens* and other organisms can be inferred by sequence homology or identified using a growth selection system developed in *Pseudomonas putida* (Henning et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 72:7510-7517 (2006)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
mdlC	3915757	P20906.2	*Pseudomonas putida*
mdlC	81539678	Q9HUR2.1	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
dpgB	126202187	ABN80423.1	*Pseudomonas stutzeri*
ilvB-1	70730840	YP_260581.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0530] A third enzyme capable of decarboxylating 2-oxoacids is alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase (KGD). The substrate range of this class of enzymes has not been studied to date. The KDC from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Tian et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S. A* 102:10670-10675 (2005)) has

been cloned and functionally expressed in other internal projects at Genomatica. However, it is not an ideal candidate for strain engineering because it is large (~130 kD) and GC-rich. KDC enzyme activity has been detected in several species of *rhizobia* including *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* and *Mesorhizobium loti* (Green et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 182:2838-2844 (2000)). Although the KDC-encoding gene(s) have not been isolated in these organisms, the genome sequences are available and several genes in each genome are annotated as putative KDCs. A KDC from *Euglena gracilis* has also been characterized but the gene associated with this activity has not been identified to date (Shigeoka and Nakano, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 288:22-28 (1991)). The first twenty amino acids starting from the N-terminus were sequenced MTYKAPVKDVKFLLDKVFKV (SEQ ID NO:) (Shigeoka and Nakano, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 288:22-28 (1991)). The gene can be identified by testing candidate genes containing this N-terminal sequence for KDC activity.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kgd	160395583	O50463.4	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
kgd	27375563	NP_767092.1	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*
kgd	13473636	NP_105204.1	*Mesorhizobium loti*

[0531] A fourth candidate enzyme for catalyzing this step is branched chain alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase (BCKA). This class of enzyme has been shown to act on a variety of compounds varying in chain length from 3 to 6 carbons (Oku and Kaneda, *J Biol Chem.* 263:18386-18396 (1988); and Smit et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 71:303-311 (2005)). The enzyme in *Lactococcus lactis* has been characterized on a variety of branched and linear substrates including 2-oxobutanoate, 2-oxohexanoate, 2-oxopentanoate, 3-methyl-2-oxobutanoate, 4-methyl-2-oxobutanoate and isocaproate (Smit et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 71:303-311 (2005)). The enzyme has been structurally characterized (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)). Sequence alignments between the *Lactococcus lactis* enzyme and the pyruvate decarboxylase of *Zymomonas mobilus* indicate that the catalytic and substrate recognition residues are nearly identical (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)), so this enzyme would be a promising candidate for directed engineering Decarboxylation of alpha-ketoglutarate by a BCKA was detected in *Bacillus subtilis*; however, this activity was low (5%) relative to activity on other branched-chain substrates (Oku and Kaneda, *J Biol Chem.* 263:18386-18396 (1988)) and the gene encoding this enzyme has not been identified to date. Additional BCKA gene candidates can be identified by homology to the *Lactococcus lactis* protein sequence. Many of the high-scoring BLASTp hits to this enzyme are annotated as indolepyruvate decarboxylases (EC 4.1.1.74). Indolepyruvate decarboxylase (IPDA) is an enzyme that catalyzes the decarboxylation of indolepyruvate to indoleacetaldehyde in plants and plant bacteria.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kdcA	44921617	AAS49166.1	*Lactococcus lactis*

[0532] Recombinant branched chain alpha-keto acid decarboxylase enzymes derived from the E1 subunits of the mitochondrial branched-chain keto acid dehydrogenase complex from *Homo sapiens* and *Bos taurus* have been cloned and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Davie et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:16601-16606 (1992); Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:1881-1887 (1992); and Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:12400-12403 (1992)). In these studies, the authors found that co-expression of chaperonins GroEL and GroES enhanced the specific activity of the decarboxylase by 500-fold (Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:12400-12403 (1992)). These enzymes are composed of two alpha and two beta subunits.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
BCKDHB	34101272	NP_898871.1	*Homo sapiens*
BCKDHA	11386135	NP_000700.1	*Homo sapiens*
BCKDHB	115502434	P21839	*Bos taurus*
BCKDHA	129030	P11178	*Bos taurus*

[0533] The decarboxylation of 2-AHD to 6-aminocaproate (FIG. **12**, Step I) is catalyzed by an amino acid decarboxylase such as aspartate decarboxylase. Aspartate decarboxylase participates in pantothenate biosynthesis and is encoded by gene panD in *Escherichia coli* (Dusch et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 65:1530-1539 (1999); Merke and Nichols, *FEMS Microbiol Lett.* 143:247-252 (1996); Ramjee et al., *Biochem. J* 323 (Pt 3):661-669 (1997); and Schmitzberger et al., *EMBO J* 22:6193-6204 (2003)). Similar enzymes from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Chopra et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 25:533-540 (2002)) and *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (Dusch et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 65:1530-1539 (1999)) have been expressed and characterized in *E. coli*.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
panD	67470411	P0A790	*Escherichia coli* K12
panD	18203593	Q9X4N0	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
panD	54041701	P65660.1	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

[0534] 4.1.2.a Aldehyde-lyase. HOHD aldolase, also known as HHED aldolase, catalyzes the conversion of 4-hydroxy-2-oxo-heptane-1,7-dioate (HOHD) into pyruvate and succinic semialdehyde (FIG. **12**, Step A). The enzyme is a divalent metal ion dependent class II aldolase, catalyzing the final step of 4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid degradation in *E. coli* C, *E. coli* W, and other organisms. In the native context, the enzyme functions in the degradative direction. The reverse (condensation) reaction is thermodynamically unfavorable; however the equilibrium can be shifted through coupling HOHD aldolase with downstream pathway enzymes that work efficiently on reaction products. Such strategies have been effective for shifting the equilibrium of other aldolases in the condensation direction (Nagata et al., *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 44:432-438 (1995); and Pollard et al., *Appl*

Environ. Microbiol 64:4093-4094 (1998)). The *E. coli* C enzyme, encoded by hpcH, has been extensively studied and has recently been crystallized (Rea et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 373: 866-876 (2007); and Stringfellow et al., *Gene* 166:73-76 (1995)). The *E. coli* W enzyme is encoded by hpal (Prieto et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:111-120 (1996)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hpcH	633197	CAA87759.1	*Escherichia coli* C
hpaI	38112625	AAR11360.1	*Escherichia coli* W

[0535] 4.2.1.a Hydro-lyase. The enzyme OHED hydratase participates in 4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid degradation, where it converts 2-oxo-hept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED) to 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-hepta-1,7-dioate (HODH) using magnesium as a cofactor (Burks et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 120 (1998)) (FIG. **12**, Step B). OHED hydratase enzyme candidates have been identified and characterized in *E. coli* C (Izumi et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 370:899-911 (2007); and Roper et al., *Gene* 156: 47-51 (1995)) and *E. coli* W (Prieto et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178: 111-120 (1996)). Sequence comparison reveals homologs in a range of bacteria, plants and animals. Enzymes with highly similar sequences are contained in *Klebsiella pneumonia* (91% identity, evalue=2e-138) and *Salmonella enterica* (91% identity, evalue=4e-138), among others.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hpcG	556840	CAA57202.1	*Escherichia coli* C
hpaH	757830	CAA86044.1	*Escherichia coli* W
hpaH	150958100	ABR80130.1	*Klebsiella pneumoniae*
Sari_01896	160865156	ABX21779.1	*Salmonella enterica*

[0536] Dehydration of 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA (FIG. **12**, Step M) is catalyzed by an enzyme with enoyl-CoA hydratase activity. 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (EC 4.2.1.55), also called crotonase, dehydrates 3-hydroxyisobutyryl-CoA to form crotonoyl-CoA (FIG. **14**, step 2). Crotonase enzymes are required for n-butanol formation in some organisms, particularly *Clostridial* species, and also comprise one step of the 3-hydroxypropionate/4-hydroxybutyrate cycle in thermoacidophilic Archaea of the genera *Sulfolobus, Acidianus*, and *Metallosphaera*. Exemplary genes encoding crotonase enzymes can be found in *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., *Metab Eng* 10:305-311 (2008); and Boynton et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996)), *C. kluyveri* (Hillmer and Gottschalk, *FEBS Lett.* 21:351-354 (1972)), and *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)) though the sequence of the latter gene is not known.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
crt	15895969	NP_349318.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
crt1	153953091	YP_001393856.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0537] Enoyl-CoA hydratases (EC 4.2.1.17) also catalyze the dehydration of 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA substrates (Agnihotri and Liu., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2003); Conrad et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 118:103-111 (1974); and Roberts et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 117:99-108 (1978)). The enoyl-CoA hydratase of *Pseudomonas putida*, encoded by ech, catalyzes the conversion of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonoyl-CoA (Roberts et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 117:99-108 (1978)). Additional enoyl-CoA hydratase candidates are phaA and phaB, of *P. putida*, and paaA and paaB from *P. fluorescens* (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 95:6419-6424 (1998)). The gene product of pimF in *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* is predicted to encode an enoyl-CoA hydratase that participates in pimeloyl-CoA degradation (Harrison and Harwood, *Microbiology* 151: 727-736 (2005)). Lastly, a number of *Escherichia coli* genes have been shown to demonstrate enoyl-CoA hydratase functionality including maoC (Park and Lee, *J. Bacteriol.* 185: 5391-5397 (2003)), paaF (Ismail et al., *J. Biochem.* 270: 3047-3054 (2003); Park and Lee, *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116:335-346 (2004); and Park and Yup, *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)) and paaG (Ismail et al., *J. Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003); Park and Lee, *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116:335-346 (2004); and Park and Yup, *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ech	26990073	NP_745498.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaA	26990002	NP_745427.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaB	26990001	NP_745426.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
phaA	106636093	ABF82233.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
phaB	106636094	ABF82234.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
pimF	39650635	CAE29158	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
maoC	16129348	NP_415905.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaF	16129354	NP_415911.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaG	16129355	NP_415912.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0538] Alternatively, the *E. coli* gene products of fadA and fadB encode a multienzyme complex involved in fatty acid oxidation that exhibits enoyl-CoA hydratase activity (Nakahigashi and Inokuchi, *Nucleic Acids Res.* 18:4937 (1990); Yang, *J. Bacteriol.* 173:7405-7406 (1991); and Yang et al., *Biochemistry* 30:6788-6795 (1991)). Knocking out a negative regulator encoded by fadR can be utilized to activate the fadB gene product (Sato et al., *J Biosci. Bioeng* 103:38-44 (2007)). The fadI and fadJ genes encode similar functions and are naturally expressed under anaerobic conditions (Campbell et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 47:793-805 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadA	49176430	YP_026272.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadB	16131692	NP_418288.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadI	16130275	NP_416844.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadJ	16130274	NP_416843.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadR	16129150	NP_415705.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0539] 6.2.1.a Acid-thiol ligase (also called CoA synthetase). Steps I and M of FIG. **13** require acid-thiol ligase or CoA synthetase functionality to transform 6-ACA and 6-acetamidohexanoate into their corresponding CoA derivatives (the terms ligase, synthetase, and synthase are used herein interchangeably and refer to the same enzyme class). Enzymes catalyzing these exact transformations have not been characterized to date; however, several enzymes with

broad substrate specificities have been described in the literature. ADP-forming acetyl-CoA synthetase (ACD, EC 6.2.1.13) is an enzyme that couples the conversion of acyl-CoA esters to their corresponding acids with the concomitant synthesis of ATP. ACD I from *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, encoded by AF1211, was shown to operate on a variety of linear and branched-chain substrates including isobutyrate, isopentanoate, and fumarate (Musfeldt and Schonheit, *J. Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). A second reversible ACD in *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, encoded by AF1983, was also shown to have a broad substrate range with high activity on cyclic compounds phenylacetate and indoleacetate (Musfeldt and Schonheit, *J. Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). The enzyme from *Haloarcula marismortui* (annotated as a succinyl-CoA synthetase) accepts propionate, butyrate, and branched-chain acids (isovalerate and isobutyrate) as substrates, and was shown to operate in the forward and reverse directions (Brasen and Schonheit, *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004)). The ACD encoded by PAE3250 from hyperthermophilic crenarchaeon *Pyrobaculum aerophilum* showed the broadest substrate range of all characterized ACDs, reacting with acetyl-CoA, isobutyryl-CoA (preferred substrate) and phenylacetyl-CoA (Brasen and Schonheit, *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004)). Directed evolution or engineering can be used to modify this enzyme to operate at the physiological temperature of the host organism. The enzymes from *A. fulgidus, H. marismortui* and *P. aerophilum* have all been cloned, functionally expressed, and characterized in *E. coli* (Brasen and Schonheit, *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004); and Musfeldt and Schonheit, *J. Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). An additional candidate is the enzyme encoded by sucCD in *E. coli*, which naturally catalyzes the formation of succinyl-CoA from succinate with the concomitant consumption of one ATP, a reaction which is reversible in vivo (Buck et al., *Biochemistry* 24:6245-6252 (1985)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
AF1211	11498810	NP_070039.1	*Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304
AF1983	11499565	NP_070807.1	*Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304
scs	55377722	YP_135572.1	*Haloarcula marismortui* ATCC 43049
PAE3250	18313937	NP_560604.1	*Pyrobaculum aerophilum* str. IM2
sucC	16128703	NP_415256.1	*Escherichia coli*
sucD	1786949	AAC73823.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0540] Another candidate enzyme for this step is 6-carboxyhexanoate-CoA ligase, also known as pimeloyl-CoA ligase (EC 6.2.1.14), which naturally activates pimelate to pimeloyl-CoA during biotin biosynthesis in gram-positive bacteria. The enzyme from *Pseudomonas* mendocina, cloned into *E. coli*, was shown to accept the alternate substrates hexanedioate and nonanedioate (Binieda et al., *Biochem. J* 340 (Pt 3):793-801 (1999)). Other candidates are found in *Bacillus subtilis* (Bower et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 178:4122-4130 (1996)) and Lysinibacillus sphaericus (formerly *Bacillus sphaericus*) (Ploux et al., *Biochem. J* 287 (Pt 3):685-690 (1992)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pauA	15596214	NP_249708.1	*Pseudomonas mendocina*
bioW	50812281	NP_390902.2	*Bacillus subtilis*
bioW	115012	P22822.1	*Lysinibacillus sphaericus*

[0541] Additional CoA-ligases include the rat dicarboxylate-CoA ligase for which the sequence is yet uncharacterized (Vamecq et al., *Biochem. J* 230:683-693 (1985)), either of the two characterized phenylacetate-CoA ligases from *P. chrysogenum* (Lamas-Maceiras et al., *Biochem. J* 395:147-155 (2006); and Wang et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 360:453-458 (2007)) and the phenylacetate-CoA ligase from *Pseudomonas putida* (Martinez-Blanco et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:7084-7090 (1990)). Additional candidate enzymes are acetoacetyl-CoA synthetases from *Mus musculus* (Hasegawa et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1779:414-419 (2008)) and *Homo sapiens* (Ohgami et al., *Biochem. Pharmacol.* 65:989-994 (2003)) which naturally catalyze the ATP-dependant conversion of acetoacetate into acetoacetyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
phl	77019264	CAJ15517.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
phlB	152002983	ABS19624.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
paaF	22711873	AAC24333.2	*Pseudomonas putida*
AACS	21313520	NP_084486.1	*Mus musculus*
AACS	31982927	NP_076417.2	*Homo sapiens*

Example XXII

Demonstration of *Escherichia coli* Tolerance to 6-Aminocaproate

[0542] *E. coli* was assayed for tolerance, metabolic activity and growth during exposure to various concentrations of 6-aminocaproate (6-ACA). Aerobically, cultures were able to grow media with up to 10% 6-ACA, while anaerobic cultures could grow in media with approximately 6% 6-ACA (FIG. **15**). Because the pathway for producing 6-ACA could require anaerobic conditions, all other further testing was performed under anaerobic conditions. To assay tolerance, cultures were grown anaerobically to mid-log (0.30D) and early stationary phase (0.6 OD), the cells were spun down and resuspended in medium containing various concentrations of 6-ACA. The cultures were grown in capped microfuge tubes, grown overnight and the ODs of the cultures were assayed (FIG. **16**). Under these conditions, cultures were able to grow (double at least 1 time) in up to 10% 6-ACA. The additional tolerance could have been from the additional glucose from resuspending the cultures in fresh M9-glucose medium or from limited oxygen that was present in the capped microfuge tube. To determine if the cells were metabolically active in the presence of 6-ACA, samples were taken and assayed for ethanol production (FIG. **17**). Ethanol production (and thus metabolic activity) closely tracked with OD suggesting that if cells are present, they are likely to be metabolically active. This is helpful to understand because it suggests that even though cells may be growth inhibited by the accumulation of a product, they can still continue to produce product.

[0543] At high concentrations (>65 g/L) the osmolarity of 6-ACA is ~0.5 M which may cause osmotic stress. To deter-

mine osmotic stress as the basis for 6-ACA growth inhibition, cultures were grown in various concentrations of 6-ACA with and without the osmoprotectant glycine betaine. As seen in FIG. **18**, anaerobic growth in medium with up to 10-12% 6-ACA can be achieved if glycine betaine is present but only 4-6% without glycine betaine. Therefore much of the toxicity of 6-ACA is likely due to the osmotic stress. However, it should be noted that G-ACA is similar to the amino acid lysine and could have a greater toxic effect in the cell cytoplasm vs. outside the cell.

Example XXIII

Demonstration of Enzyme Activity for Condensing Succinyl-CoA and Acetyl-CoA to Form β-ketoadipyl-CoA

[0544] Several β-ketothiolase enzymes have been shown to break β-ketoadipyl-CoA into acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. For example, the gene products encoded by pcaF in *Pseudomonas* strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol,* 184 (1): 207-15 (2002)), phaD in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA,* 95(11), 6419-24 (1998)), paaE in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Gennaro et al., *Arch Microbiol,* 188(2), 117-25 (2007)), and paaJ from *E. coli* (Nogales et al., *Microbiology,* 153(Pt 2), 357-65 (2007)) catalyze the conversion of 3-oxoadipyl-CoA into succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA during the degradation of aromatic compounds such as phenylacetate or styrene. To confirm that β-ketothiolase enzymes exhibit condensation activity, several thiolases (Table 10; SEQ ID NOS: respectively) were cloned into a derivative of pZE13(Lutz et al., *Nucleic Acids Res,* 29(18), 3873-81 (2001)), which results in the clones having a carboxy-terminal 6×His tag.

TABLE 10

Cloned Thiolases

Enzyme	Species template	Gene	Length	5' PRIMER	3' PRIMER	ORF SEQ
beta-ketothiolase	*Ralstonia eutropha* H16	bktB	1185	ATGACGCGTG AAGTGGTAGT GGTAAG	GATACGCTCGA AGATGGCGG	atgacgcgtgaagtggtagtggtaagcggtgtccgtaccgcgatcgggacctttggcg gcagcctgaaggatgtggcaccggcggagctgggcgcactggtggtgcgcgaggc gctggcgcgcgcgcaggtgtcgggcgacgatgtcggccacgtggtattcggcaacgt gatccagaccgagccgcgcgacatgtatctgggccgcgtcgcggccgtcaacggcg gggtgacgatcaacgccccgcgctgaccgtgaaccgcctgtgcggctcgggcctgc aggccattgtcagcgccgcgcagaccatcctgctgggcgataccgacgtcgccatcg gcggcggcgcggaaagcatgagccgcgcaccgtacctggcgccggcagcgcgctg gggcgcacgcatgggcgacgccggcctggtcgacatgatgctgggtgcgctgcacg atcccttccatcgcatccacatgggcgtgaccgccgagaatgtcgccaaggaatacga catctcgcgcgcgcagcaggacgaggccgcgctggaatcgcaccgccgcgcttcgg cagcgatcaaggccggctacttcaaggaccagatcgtcccggtggtgagcaagggcc gcaagggcgacgtgaccttcgacaccgacgagcacgtgcgccatgacgccaccatc gacgacatgaccaagctcaggccggtcttcgtcaaggaaaacggcacggtcacggcc ggcaatgcctcgggcctgaacgacgccgccgccgcggtggtgatgatggagcgcgc cgaagccgagcgccgcggcctgaagccgctggcccgcctggtgtcgtacggccatg ccggcgtggacccgaaggccatgggcatcggcccggtgccggcgacgaagatcgc gctggagcgcgccggcctgcaggtgtcggacctggacgtgatcgaagccaacgaag cctttgccgcacaggcgtgcgccgtgaccaaggcgctcggtctggacccggccaagg ttaacccgaacggctcgggcatctcgctgggccacccgatcggcgccaccggtgccc tgatcacggtgaaggcgctgcatgagctgaaccgcgtgcagggccgctacgcgctgg tgacgatgtgcatcggcggcgggcagggcattgccgccatcttcgagcgtatctga	
2-Methylacetoacetyl-CoA Thiolase (branched chain?)	*Mus musculus*	ACAT1	1215	ATGGAAGTAA GATGCCTGGA ACGAAG	CAGCTTCTCAAT CAGCAGGGC	atggaagtaagatgcctggaacgaagttatgcatccaaacccactttgaatgaagtggtt atagtaagtgctataagaactcccattggatccttcctgggcagccttgcctctcagccg gccactaaacttggtactgctgcaattcagggagccattgagaaggcagggattccaaa agaagaagtgaaggaagtctacatgggcaatgtcatccaaggggtgaaggacagg cccctaccaggcaagcaacactgggcgcaggtttacctatttccactccatgcaccaca gtaaacaaggtttgtgcttcaggaatgaaagccatcatgatggcctctcaaagtcttatgt gtggacatcaggatgtgatggtggcaggcgggatggagagcatgtccaatgtcccata cgtaatgagcagaggagcaacaccatatggtggggtaaaacttgaagacctgattgta aaagacgggctaactgatgtctacaataaaattcatatgggtaactgtgctgagaatact gcaaagaagatgaatatctcacggcaggaacaggatacgtacgctctcagctcttacac cagaagtaaagaagcgtgggacgcagggaagtttgccagtgagattactcccatcacc atctcagtgaaaggtaaaccagatgtggtggtgaaagaagatgaagaatacaagcgtg ttgactttagtaaagtgccaaagctcaagaccgtgttccagaaagaaaatggcacaata acagctgccaatgccagcacactgaacgatggagcagctgctctggttctcatgactgc agaggcagcccagaggctcaatgttaagccattggcacgaattgcagcatttgctgatg ctgccgtagacccattgattttccacttgcgcctgcatatgccgtacctaaggttcttaaa tatgcaggactgaaaaaagaagacattgccatgtgggaagtaaatgaagcattcagtgt ggttgtgctagccaacattaaaatgctggagattgacccccaaaaagtaaatatccacg gaggagctgtttctctgggccatccaattgggatgtctggagcccggattgttgttcatat ggctcatgccctgaagccaggagagttcggtctggctagtatttgcaacggaggagga ggtgcttccgccctgctgattgagaagctgtag	
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beta-ketoadipyl CoA thiolase pcaF	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 pcaF	1206	ATGAGCCGCG AGGTATTCAT CTG	GACCCGCTCGAT GGCCAG	atgagccgcgaggtattcatctggatgccgtggcgcagccgatcggccgtttcggcg gcagtctttccgcggtgcgccgccgacgacctcgcggcgtgccgctgaaggccctgg tcgagcgcaaccgggggtcgactggtcggcgttggacgaggtgttcctcggctgcg ccaaccaggccggcgaggacaaccgtaacgtggcgcgcatggcgctgctgctggcc ggtttgccggagagcgtgccccggcgtcaccctcaacgcctctgcgctcgggatg gacgccatcggcgacggcgttccgcgccatcgcctgcggcgagatggagctggccatc gccggcggcgtcgagtcgatgtcgcgcggcgcctacgtgatgggcaaggccgatag cgccttcggtcgcggccagaagatcgaggacacaccatcggctggcgcttcgtcaat ccgctgatgaaggagcagtacggcatcgacccgatgccgcagaccgcgacaacgt cgccgacgactatcgcgtgtcgccgacccaggatgcctccgcctgcgcagcca gcagcgcgccggcaggcgcaggaggccggtttcttccgccgaggaaatcgtcccgg tgacgatccgcggcgcgcaaggcgcacacctggtcgagcacgacgagcatccgcgt ccgacaccacccttggaggcgctggccggctcaagccggtcaacggccgcggaga agaccgtcaccgccggcaacgcgtccgggtcaacgacggcgccgccgctggt cctggcctccgccgaggcagtggagaagcacggcctgactccgcgcgcgcggtgc tgggcatggccagcggccggcgtcgcccacggatcatgggcatcggccgggtgccg gcggtgcgcaagctgctgcggccgcctggacctggcgatcgacgccttcgacgtgatc gaactcaacgaagccttcgccagccaggccctggcctgcctgcgcgaactggcgtg gccgacgacagtgagaaggtcaacccgaacggcggtgccatcgccctcggccaccc gctggggatgagcggtgcggctggtcctcaccgcgctccatcaacttgagaagag cggcggccggccgccgcctggcgaccatgtgcgtaggcgtcggccaaggcctggcg ctggccatcgagcgggtctga	
acyl-CoA thiolase	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 bkt	1206	ATGCTCGATG CCTATATCTAC GCC	TCGGCAGCGCTC GATCAC	atgctcgatgcctatatctacgccggcctgcgtacgcctttcggccgcatgccggtgc actctcgacggtgcgtccggacgacctggccgcctgctgctggcgcgtctcgcgga aacctccgggttcgccgtcgacgacctggaggatgtgatcctcggttgcaccaaccag gccggcgaagacagccgcaacctggcgcgcaacgcgctgctccgcagccggcctgc cgggcggctgcccgggcagacggtcaaccgcttgtgtgccagcgggactgtcggcg cggcgccgaaagcatgtcccgggcgccgttccgtgcgaggcgcggagcgccct tcagccgcacgctggaggtcttcgacagcaccatcggcgcgcgcttcgccaacccca ggctggtcgagcgctatggcaacgacatgcggagaccggcgacaacgtggcc cgcgccttcggcatcgcccgcgaagacgccgaccgtttcgccgcttcttcccaggcgc gctaccaggctggctggaggagggctttttcctcggcgagatccttccggtggaggt gcgtgccggacgcaagggcgagacgcggctggtggagcgcgacgagcatccgcg acgcaggccgacctggcggccctggcgcgctttgccgcgttggggt agtgaccgccggtaatgcgtctgggatcaacgacgggcgggcggtagtgctgctggg cgatcgcgcgatcggcgagcgcgagggcatccggccgttggcgcggatcctcgcca gcgccagcgtcggcgtcgagccccggttgatgggcatcggccgcgcagcaggcgatc ctccgcgcgctgcaacgcgccggcatcgacctggacgaggtcggcctgatcgagatc aacgaagccttcgcgccgaggtcctggcctgcctgaagttgctcggccgtggactacg aggaccgcgggtcaatccccatggcggcgccattgccctcggccgctcggcg cctacgcggtggtcagcctgtgcgtcgggctcggccagggcgtggcgatggtgatc gagcgctgccgatga	

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Cloned Thiolases						
Enzyme	Species template	Gene	Length	5' PRIMER	3' PRIMER	ORF SEQ
3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase	*Pseudomonas putida* (KT2440)	pcaF	1203	ATGCACGACG TATTCATCTGT GACG	AACCCGCTCGAT GGCCAAC	atgcacgacgtattcatctgtgacgccatccgtacccgatcggccgcttcggcgggcgc cctggccagcgtgcgggccgacgacctggccgccgtgccgctgaaggcgctgatcg agcgcaaccctggcgtgcagtgggaccaggtagacgaagtgttcttcggctgcgcca accaggccggtgaagacaaccgcaacgtggccgcatggcactgctgtggccggc ctgccggaaagcatcccgggcgtcaccctgaaccgtctgtgccgctcgggcatggat gccgtcggcaccggttccgcgccatcgccagcggcgagatggagctggtgattgcc ggtggcgtcgagtcgatgtcgcgccgcccgttcgtcatgggcaaggctgaaagcgcc tattcgcgaacatgaagtggaagacaccaccattggctggcgtttcatcaacccgct gatgaagagccagtacggtgtggatccatgccggaaaccgccgacaacgtggcccga cgactatcaggtttcgcgtgctgatcaggacgctttcgccctgcgcagccagcagaag gctgccgctgcgcaggcctgccggcttctttgccgaagaaatcgtgccggtgcgtatcg ctcacaagaagggcgaaatcatcgtcgaacgtgacgaacacctgcgcccggaaacca cgctggaggcgctgaccaagctcaaaccggtcaacggccccggacaagacggtcacc gccggcaacgcctcgggcgtgaacgacggtgctgcggcgatgatcctggcctcggc cgcagcggtgaagaaacaggcctgactccgcgtgccgcgttcttgggcatggccag cggcggcgttgcgccacgtgtcatgggcattggcccggtgcccgggtgcgcaaact gacgagcgtctggggatagcggtaagtgatttcgacgtgatgagcttaacgaagcg ttgccagccaaggcctggcggtgctgcgtgagctgggtgtggctgacgatgcgcccc aggtaaaccctatggcggtgccatgccctgggccacccccctgggcatgagcggtg cacgcctggtactgactgcgttgcaccagctggagaagagtggcggtcgcaagggcc tggcgaccatgtgtgggtgtcggccaaggttcggcgttggccatcgagcgggtttga
3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase	*Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD	bkt	1203	ATGACCGACG CCTACATCTGCG	CACGCTTCGAT CGCGATC	atgaccgacgcctacatcttgcgatgcgattcgcacacccatcggccgctacgggcggc gccctgaaagacgttcgtgccgacgatctcggcgcggtgccgctcaaggcgctgatc gaacgcaaccggaacgtcgactggtcggcgatcgacgacgtgatctatggctgcgcg aaccaggccggcgaagacaaccgcaacgtcgcgcgcatgtccgcgctgctcgcggg cttgccgaccgccgtgccgggcacgacgtgaaccggttatgcggctcgggcatgga cgccgtcggcacggccgcgcgcgcgatcaaggcgggcgaggcacgcttgatgatc gcgggcggctcgaaagcatgacgcgcggccgttcgtgatgggcaaggccgcca gcgcattcgcgcgccaggctgcgatttcgacacgacgatcggctggcgtttcattaatc cgctgatgaaacagcaatacggcgtcgattcgatgcccgagacggccgagaacgtcg cggtcgactacaacatcagccgcgccgaccaggatcttatccgctgcgcgagccagc agaaggccgcgctgcgcagcaggacggcacgctcgccgccgaaatcgtccccgtc

TABLE 10-continued

Cloned Thiolases						
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						acgattgcgcagaaaaaaggcgcacgcgctcgtcgtatcgctcgacgagcatccgcgc
						gaaacatcgcttcgaagcgctcgcgaagctgaagggcgtcgtgcgtcccgacggctcg
						gtcacggccggcaacgcgtcaggcgtcaacgacggcgcatgcgcactgctgctcgc
						caacgcggaagccgccgatcaatatgggctgcgccgccgcgcgtgtcgtcggcat
						ggcgagcgccgggtcgagccgcgcgtgatgggtatcggccgggcgccggccacg
						cagaaactgttgcgccagctcggcatgacgatcgaccagttcgacgtgatcgagctga
						acgaagcgttcgcgtcgcagggtcttcgcggtgctgcgcatgcctcggtgtcgccgacg
						acgatccgcgcgtgaacccaacggcggtgcgatcgcgctcggccatccgctcggc
						gcatcggtgcgcggctcgtgaccacgcggcttcaccaactcgagcgtacgggcgg
						ccgcttgcgctctgtacgatgtgcatcggcgctcggccagggcatcgcgatcgcgatc
						gaacgcgtgtaa
beta-ketothiolase	*Ascaris suum*	bkt	1242	ATGGCCACCT CAAGACTTGT CTGC	CAATTTCTCGAT GACCATTCCACC	gtgatggccacctcaagacttgtctgcagcaatttaacgaagcaatgctttacgatctcgt
						cacgtgctgctagccaatttaccgatgtggtattcgtgggtgccgcacgaacaccggttc
						ggatcgtttcgctctttcgcttccactgttccagccactgtcctcggagctgaggcttattaa
						gggtgccttaaacatgccaatctaaaaccctcacaagtgcaagaggtgttctttggctg
						tgtcgttccatccaactgtggacaagttcctgccgtcaagcgacacttggagctggatg
						cgatccttcgacaatcgttacaactctcaataaattgtgcgctccgggaatgaagtcgatt
						gcttgtgccgcctcactttgcaacttggtcttcaagaggttaccgttggtggcggtatgg
						agagcatgagcttagtgccgtactatcttgaacgtggtgaaactacttatggtggaatga
						agctcatcgacggtatcccaagagatggtccgactgatgcatatagtaatcaacttatgg
						gtgcatggcgctgataatgtggctaaacgattcaacatcacccgtgaggaacaggataaa
						ttcgctattgaaagctataaacgatctgctgcatgggagagtggagcatgcaaagct
						gaagtagttcctattgaagtgacaaagggcaagaaaacatacattgtcaacaaggatga
						ggaatacatcaagtcacttcgagaagcttcccaaactgaaacccgccttcttgaaag
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						acattcatggtggtggcgtatcctttggacatcctattggaatgtctggagctcgaattatc
						gttcatctgatttcatgcgttgaaacctggccagaaaggctgcgctgcaatctgcaatggt
						ggcggtggcgctggtggaatggtccatcgagaaattgtaa

[0545] The genes were expressed in *E. coli* and the proteins purified using Ni-NTA spin columns and quantified. To assay enzyme activity in vitro, a 5× CoA:DTNB (Ellman's reagent or 5,5'-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid)) mixture was prepared. The mixture consisted of 10 mM succinyl-CoA, 5 mM acetyl-CoA, 30 mM DTNB in 100 mM Tris buffer, pH 7.4. Five μL of the CoA:DTNB mixture was added to 0.5 μM purified thiolase enzyme in 100 mM Tris buffer, pH 7.8 in a final volume of 50 μL. The reaction was incubated at 30° C. for 30 minutes, then quenched with 2.5 μL 10% formic acid and samples frozen at −20° C. until ready for analysis by LC/MS. Because many thiolases can condense two acetyl-CoA molecules into acetoaceytl-CoA, production of acetoacetyl-CoA was examined. FIG. **19** shows that 3 thiolases demonstrated thiolase activity which resulted in acetoacetyl-CoA formation. These were fadAx from *Pseudomonas putida*, thiA from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* and thiB also from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*. When enzyme assays were examined for condensation of succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA into β-ketoadipyl-CoA, several candidates demonstrated the desired activity; paaJ from *Escherichia coli* (Nogales et al., *Microbiol.* 153:357-365 (2007)), phaD from *Pseudomonas putida* (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 95:6419-6424 (1998)), bkt from *Burkholderia* ambifaria AMMD, pcaF from *Pseudomonas putida* KT2440 (Harwood et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 176:6479-6488 (1994)), and pcaF from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. There was excellent specificity between the thiolases. Those that generated significant amounts of β-ketoadipyl-CoA did not produce significant amounts of acetoacetyl-CoA and likewise those that made acetoacetyl-CoA did not make detectable amounts of β-ketoadipyl-CoA.

Example XXIV

Pathways for Production of Hexamethylenediamine from Glutamate, Glutaryl-CoA or Pyruvate and 4-Aminobutanal

[0546] This example describes exemplary pathways for production of hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) from glutamate, glutaryl-CoA, pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal, or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate through homolysine, the seven-carbon analog of lysine. Homolysine is an attractive precursor to HMDA. Although homolysine is a potentially valuable precursor, it is not a known metabolic intermediate of any organism. Homolysine can be formed biocatalytically from the central metabolic precursors glutamate, glutaryl-CoA or pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal. Subsequent decarboxylation of homolysine by an enzyme analogous to lysine decarboxylase yields HMDA.

[0547] This example describes additional pathways that proceed from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, or pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal through the intermediate 6-aminohexanal. 6-Aminohexanal can readily be converted to HMDA by an aminotransferase or an aminating oxidoreductase.

[0548] The maximum theoretical yield of HMDA is 0.71 moles per mole glucose utilized (0.46 g/g). The pathways disclosed in FIGS. **20-22** and **26** achieve a maximum HMDA yield of 0.67 mol/mol (0.43 g/g).

$$C_6H_{12}O_6+1.41NH_4\rightarrow 0.71C_6H_{18}N_2+1.76CO_2+2.47H_2O$$

[0549] Novel pathways for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) and related products are described herein. The candidate enzymes, and associated risks of implementation are discussed in Example XXVI below.

[0550] This invention is directed, in part, to non-naturally occurring microorganisms that express genes encoding enzymes that catalyze HMDA production. Successfully engineering these pathways entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing the expression of these genes in the production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation.

[0551] HMDA can be produced from glutamate via glutaryl-CoA in eight enzymatic steps, shown in FIG. **20**. In this route, glutamate is acylated to glutamyl-CoA by a CoA transferase or ligase (Step A of FIG. **20**). Glutamyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are joined by a beta-ketothiolase to form the C7 compound 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (Step B of FIG. **20**). The 3-oxo group of this product is then reduced and dehydrated, resulting in 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA (Steps C and D of FIG. **20**). An enoyl-CoA reductase reduces the double bond, forming 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (Step E of FIG. **20**). 6-Aminopimeloyl-CoA is then converted to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate by a CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase (Step F). Transamination of the aldehyde to an amine yields homolysine (Step G of FIG. **20**). Finally, HMDA is formed as the decarboxylation product of homolysine (Step H of FIG. **20**). The maximum theoretical HMDA yield for this pathway is 0.67 moles of HMDA per mole of glucose utilized. Yield calculations assume aerobic conditions and the utilization of a CoA transferase in Step A.

[0552] HMDA can also be produced from glutaryl-CoA by several routes. Exemplary routes for HMDA production are shown in FIG. **21**. Glutaryl-CoA is a common metabolic intermediate in organisms that metabolize aromatic compounds. In the disclosed pathways to HMDA, glutaryl-CoA is first condensed with acetyl-CoA by a beta-ketothiolase to form 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA (Step A of FIG. **21**). The CoA moiety of 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA is removed by a CoA hydrolase, transferase and ligase (Step B of FIG. **21**). Several alternate routes for converting 3-oxopimelate to HMDA are outlined in FIG. **21** and described herein. The final step of all routes to HMDA entails decarboxylation of homolysine (Step S of FIG. **21**).

[0553] One route entails conversion of 3-oxopimelate to 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal. This conversion can be catalyzed by an ATP- and NAD(P)H dependent enzyme with 3-oxopimelate reductase activity (Step C of FIG. **21**), or alternately can proceed through activated intermediates 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA (Steps H, I of FIG. **21**) or 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate (Steps F, G of FIG. **21**). Once formed, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal is transaminated at the 3-position (Step AB of FIG. **21**) or 7-position (Step D of FIG. **21**). Subsequent transamination of 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (Step E of FIG. **21**) or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (Step Z of FIG. **21**) yields 3,7-diaminoheptanoate. An enzyme with 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase activity then forms homolysine (Step R of FIG. **21**), which is decarboxylated to HMDA (Step S of FIG. **21**).

[0554] In an alternate route, 3-oxopimelate is transaminated to 3-aminopimelate (Step J of FIG. **21**). 3-Aminopimelate is then converted to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate directly (Step O of FIG. **21**) or via a CoA (Steps K, L of FIG. **21**) or phosphonic acid (Steps M, N of FIG. **21**) intermediate. 3-Amino-7-oxoheptanoate is subsequently converted to

2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate by a 2,3-aminomutase (Step P of FIG. **21**). 2-Amino-7-oxoheptanoate is converted to homolysine by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase. Alternately, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate is first transaminated (Step Z of FIG. **21**) and then converted to homolysine by an aminomutase (Step R of FIG. **21**).

[0555] 3-Aminopimelate can be converted to 2-aminopimelate by a 2,3-aminomutase enzyme (Step T of FIG. **21**). An HMDA pathway involving this intermediate requires reduction of the 7-carboxylic acid to an aldehyde. This reduction is catalyzed by a bifunctional reductase (Step W of FIG. **21**) or by two enzymes that proceed through a CoA (Steps V, Y of FIG. **21**) or phosphonic acid (Steps U, X of FIG. **21**) intermediate. The product, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate is converted to HMDA as described above.

[0556] Two routes for producing HMDA from pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal are shown in FIG. **22**. The routes achieve a maximum yield of 0.67 moles of HMDA per mole glucose utilized (0.43 g/g) under anaerobic and aerobic conditions. 4-Aminobutanal is naturally derived from ornithine by decarboxylation to putrescine and subsequent transamination. 4-Aminobutanal can also originate from 4-aminobutanoate. In one pathway, 4-aminobutanal and pyruvate are joined by aldol condensation to form 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate (Step A of FIG. **22**). The condensation product is subsequently dehydrated (Step B of FIG. **22**) and reduced (Step C of FIG. **22**). Transamination of 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate yields homolysine (Step D of FIG. **22**). HMDA is the decarboxylation product of homolysine decarboxylase (Step E of FIG. **22**). Alternately, pathway intermediate 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate is decarboxylated to form 6-aminohexanal (Step F of FIG. **22**). 6-Aminohexanal is subsequently converted to HMDA by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (Step G of FIG. **22**).

[0557] Several routes for producing HMDA from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate are shown in FIG. **26**. 2-Amino-7-oxosubarate is not known to be a naturally occurring metabolite. An exemplary route for synthesizing 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is shown in FIG. **27**. The pathway originates with glutamate-5-semialdehyde, a metabolite naturally formed during ornithine biosynthesis. 2-Amino-7-oxosubarate is then synthesized in three enzymatic steps. In the first step, glutamate-5-semialdehyde is condensed with pyruvate by an aldolase (FIG. **27**, Step A). The product, 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate is subsequently dehydrated and the resulting alkene is reduced to form 2-amino-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**, Steps B/C). In one proposed pathway to HMDA from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, the 2-oxo acid is first decarboxylated to form 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (Step A of FIG. **26**). This product is again decarboxylated, forming 6-aminohexanal (Step B of FIG. **26**). Finally, 6-aminohexanal is converted to HMDA by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (Step C of FIG. **26**).

[0558] Alternately, the intermediate 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate is first converted to homolysine by an aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase (Step M of FIG. **26**). Homolysine is decarboxylated to HMDA as described previously (Step H of FIG. **26**).

[0559] In yet another route, the 2-amino acid group of 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is decarboxylated, yielding 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (Step I of FIG. **26**). This product can then be further decarboxylated to 6-aminohexanal (Step G of FIG. **26**) or transaminated to homolysine (Step J of FIG. **26**). Homolysine or 6-aminohexanal is then converted to HMDA as described previously.

[0560] In yet another route, the 2-oxo group of 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is converted to an amino group, forming 2,7-diaminosubarate (Step K of FIG. **26**). Two subsequent decarboxylations yield HMDA (Steps L, H of FIG. **26**).

[0561] Described herein is the generation of a microbial organism that has been engineered to produce HMDA from pyruvate and 4-aminobutanal, as shown in FIG. **22** (Steps A-E). This example also teaches a method for engineering a strain that overproduces HMDA.

[0562] *Escherichia coli* is used as a target organism to engineer a HMDA-producing pathway as shown in FIG. **22**. *E. coli* provides a good host for generating a non-naturally occurring microorganism capable of producing HMDA. *E. coli* is amenable to genetic manipulation and is known to be capable of producing various products, like ethanol, acetic acid, formic acid, lactic acid, and succinic acid, effectively under anaerobic, microaerobic or aerobic conditions.

[0563] An *E. coli* strain is engineered to produce HMDA from 4-aminobutanal via the route outlined in FIG. **22**. For the first stage of pathway construction, genes encoding enzymes to transform 4-aminobutanal and pyruvate to homolysine (FIG. **3**, Steps A-D) are assembled onto vectors. In particular, the genes hpcH (CAA87759), hpcG (CAA57202), enr (YP_430895) and lysN ( ) genes encoding 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase, 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase and 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, respectively, are cloned into the pZE13 vector (Expressys, Ruelzheim, Germany), under the control of the PA1/lacO promoter. The plasmid is transformed into *E. coli* strain MG1655 to express the proteins and enzymes required for HMDA synthesis from 4-aminobutanal. *E. coli* naturally encodes two lysine decarboxylase enzymes which convert homolysine to HMDA.

[0564] The resulting genetically engineered organism is cultured in glucose containing medium following procedures well known in the art (see, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, 2001). The expression of HMDA pathway genes is corroborated using methods well known in the art for determining polypeptide expression or enzymatic activity, including for example, Northern blots, PCR amplification of mRNA and immunoblotting. Enzymatic activities of the expressed enzymes are confirmed using assays specific for the individually activities. The ability of the engineered *E. coli* strain to produce HMDA through this pathway is confirmed using HPLC, gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GCMS) or liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LCMS).

[0565] Microbial strains engineered to have a functional HMDA synthesis pathway from 4-aminobutanal are further augmented by optimization for efficient utilization of the pathway. Briefly, the engineered strain is assessed to determine whether any of the exogenous genes are expressed at a rate limiting level. Expression is increased for any enzymes expressed at low levels that can limit the flux through the pathway by, for example, introduction of additional gene copy numbers.

[0566] After successful demonstration of enhanced HMDA production via the activities of the exogenous enzymes, the genes encoding these enzymes are inserted into the chromosome of a wild type *E. coli* host using methods known in the art. Such methods include, for example, sequential single

crossover (Gay et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 3:153 (1983)). and Red/ET methods from GeneBridges (Zhang et al., European Patent Application No. 01117 (2001))). Chromosomal insertion provides several advantages over a plasmid-based system, including greater stability and the ability to co-localize expression of pathway genes.

[0567] To generate better producers, metabolic modeling is utilized to optimize growth conditions. Modeling is also used to design gene knockouts that additionally optimize utilization of the pathway (see, for example, U.S. patent publications US 2002/0012939, US 2003/0224363, US 2004/0029149, US 2004/0072723, US 2003/0059792, US 2002/0168654 and US 2004/0009466, and in U.S. Pat. No. 7,127,379). Modeling analysis allows reliable predictions of the effects on cell growth of shifting the metabolism towards more efficient production of HMDA. One modeling method is the bilevel optimization approach, OptKnock (Burgard et al., *Biotechnol. Bioengineer.* 84:647-657 (2003)), which is applied to select gene knockouts that collectively result in better production of HMDA. Adaptive evolution also can be used to generate better producers of, for example, the 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate intermediate or the HMDA product. Adaptive evolution is performed to improve both growth and production characteristics (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36:1056-1058 (2004); Alper et al., *Science* 314:1565-1568 (2006)). Based on the results, subsequent rounds of modeling, genetic engineering and adaptive evolution can be applied to the HMDA producer to further increase production.

[0568] For large-scale production of HMDA, the above HMDA pathway-containing organism is cultured in a fermenter using a medium known in the art to support growth of the organism under anaerobic conditions. Fermentations are performed in either a batch, fed-batch or continuous manner. Anaerobic conditions are maintained by first sparging the medium with nitrogen and then sealing culture vessel (e.g., flasks can be sealed with a septum and crimp-cap). Microaerobic conditions also can be utilized by providing a small hole for limited aeration. The pH of the medium is maintained at a pH of 7 by addition of an acid, such as H2SO4. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm), and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. Byproducts such as undesirable alcohols, organic acids, and residual glucose can be quantified by HPLC (Shimadzu) with an HPX-087 column (BioRad), using a refractive index detector for glucose and alcohols, and a UV detector for organic acids, Lin et al., *Biotechnol. Bioeng.*, 775-779 (2005).

Example XXV

Pathways for Production of 6-Aminocaproate from Glutamate, Glutaryl-CoA,Homolysine, or 2-Amino-7-oxosubarate

[0569] Novel pathways for producing 6-aminocaproate (6-ACA) and related products are described herein. The candidate enzymes, and associated risks of implementation are discussed in Example XXVI below.

[0570] This invention is directed, in part, to non-naturally occurring microorganisms that express genes encoding enzymes that catalyze 6-ACA production. Successfully engineering these pathways entails identifying an appropriate set of enzymes with sufficient activity and specificity, cloning their corresponding genes into a production host, optimizing the expression of these genes in the production host, optimizing fermentation conditions, and assaying for product formation following fermentation.

[0571] 6-ACA can be produced from glutamate as a starting molecule. Glutamate is transformed to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA as described previously (FIG. **20**, Steps A-E). Removal of the CoA moiety of 6-Aminopimeloyl-CoA by a CoA hydrolase, transferase or ligase yields 2-aminopimelate (Step I of FIG. **20**). Decarboxylation of this product yields 6-ACA (Step J of FIG. **20**).

[0572] 6-ACA can also be produced from glutaryl-CoA as a starting molecule. In the disclosed pathway to 6-ACA, similar to the HMDA pathway described above, glutaryl-CoA is first condensed with acetyl-CoA by a beta-ketothiolase to form 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA (Step A of FIG. **21**). The CoA moiety of 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA is removed by a CoA hydrolase, transferase and ligase (Step B of FIG. **21**). Then 3-oxopimelate is transaminated to 3-aminopimelate (Step J of FIG. **21**). 3-Aminopimelate can be converted to 2-aminopimelate by a 2,3-aminomutase enzyme (Step T of FIG. **21**). Aminopimelate can then be decarboxylated to form 6-aminocaproic acid (Step AA of FIG. **21**).

[0573] Homolysine is also an attractive precursor to 6-aminocaproate (6-ACA) production. Although homolysine is a potentially valuable precursor, it is not a known metabolic intermediate of any organism. Under aerobic conditions, oxidation of homolysine by a lysine 2-monooxygenase yields 6-aminohexanamide, which is readily hydrolyzed to 6-ACA in dilute acid or basic solution (FIG. **23**).

[0574] 6-ACA can also be produced from 2-amino-7-oxosubarate as a starting molecule (FIG. **26**). **2**-Amino-7-oxosubarate is not known to be a naturally occurring metabolite. An exemplary route for synthesizing 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is shown in FIG. **27**. The pathway originates with glutamate-5-semialdehyde, a metabolite naturally formed during ornithine biosynthesis. 2-Amino-7-oxosubarate is then synthesized in three enzymatic steps. In the first step, glutamate-5-semialdehyde is condensed with pyruvate by an aldolase (FIG. **27**, Step A). The product, 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate is subsequently dehydrated and the resulting alkene is reduced to form 2-amino-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**, Steps B/C). In one proposed route, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is decarboxylated to form 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (Step A of FIG. **26**). The aldehyde of 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate is oxidized by an oxidoreductase to form 2-aminopimelate (Step D of FIG. **26**). 6-ACA is the decarboxylation product of 2-aminopimelate (Step E of FIG. **26**). Alternately, the 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate intermediate is decarboxylated to form 6-aminohexanal (Step B of FIG. **26**), which is transaminated to 6-ACA (Step F of FIG. **26**). In a third proposed route, the 2-amino acid group of 2-amino-7-oxosubarate is decarboxylated, yielding 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (Step I of FIG. **26**). This product can then be further decarboxylated to 6-aminohexanal (Step G of FIG. **26**). Finally, 6-aminohexanal is transaminated to 6-ACA (Step F of FIG. **26**).

Example XXVI

Enzyme Classification System for Production of Hexamethylenediamine and 6-Aminocaproic Acid

[0575] This example describes the enzyme classification system for the exemplary pathways described in Examples XXIV and XXV for production of hexamethylenediamine or 6-aminocaproate.

[0576] All transformations depicted in FIGS. **20-23** and **26** fall into the general categories of transformations shown in Table 11. Below is described a number of biochemically characterized genes in each category. Specifically listed are genes that can be applied to catalyze the appropriate transformations in FIGS. **20-23** and **26** when properly cloned and expressed.

[0577] Table 11 shows the enzyme types useful to convert common central metabolic intermediates into 6-aminocaproate and hexamethylenediamine. The first three digits of each label correspond to the first three Enzyme Commission number digits which denote the general type of transformation independent of substrate specificity.

TABLE 11

LABEL	FUNCTION
1.1.1.a	Oxidoreductase (oxo to alcohol)
1.13.12.a	Monooxygenase (O_2 incorporating)
1.2.1.a	Oxidoreductase (aldehyde to acid)
1.2.1.b	Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde)
1.2.1.d	Oxidoreductase (phosphonate reductase)
1.2.1.e	Acid reductase
1.3.1.a	Oxidoreductase (alkene to alkane)
1.4.1.a	Oxidoreductase (aminating)
2.3.1.b	Acyltransferase (beta-ketothiolase)
2.6.1.a	Aminotransferase
2.7.2.a	Phosphotransferase (carboxy acceptor)
2.8.3.a	Coenzyme-A transferase
3.1.2.a	CoA hydrolase
4.1.1.a	Carboxy-lyase
4.1.2.a	Aldehyde-lyase
4.2.1.a	Hydro-lyase
5.4.3.a	Aminomutase
6.2.1.a	Acid-thiol ligase

[0578] 1.1.1.a Oxidoreductase (oxo to alcohol)—The reduction of 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA is catalyzed by a 3-oxoacyl-CoA dehydrogenase (FIG. **20**, Step C). Such enzymes convert 3-oxoacyl-CoA molecules into 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA molecules and are often involved in fatty acid beta-oxidation or phenylacetate catabolism. For example, subunits of two fatty acid oxidation complexes in *E. coli*, encoded by fadB and fadJ, function as 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenases (Binstock et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 71 Pt C:403-411 (1981)). Furthermore, the gene products encoded by phaC in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 95:6419-6424 (1998)) and paaC in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Arch et al., *Microbiol* 188:117-125 (2007)) catalyze the reverse reaction of step B in FIG. **10**, that is, the oxidation of 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA to form 3-oxoadipyl-CoA, during the catabolism of phenylacetate or styrene. Note that the reactions catalyzed by such enzymes are reversible. In addition, given the proximity in *E. coli* of paaH to other genes in the phenylacetate degradation operon (Nogales et al., *Microbiology* 153:357-365 (2007)) and the fact that paaH mutants cannot grow on phenylacetate (Ismail et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003)), it is expected that the *E. coli* paaH gene encodes a 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadB	119811	P21177.2	*Escherichia coli*
fadJ	3334437	P77399.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaH	16129356	NP_415913.1	*Escherichia coli*
phaC	26990000	NP_745425.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaC	106636095	ABF82235.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0579] Additional exemplary oxidoreductases capable of converting 3-oxoacyl-CoA molecules to their corresponding 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA molecules include 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenases. The enzyme from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*, encoded by hbd, has been cloned and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Youngleson et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 171: 6800-6807 (1989)). Additional gene candidates include Hbd1 (C-terminal domain) and Hbd2 (N-terminal domain) in *Clostridium kluyveri* (Hillmer et al., *FEBS Lett.* 21:351-354 (1972)) and HSD17B10 in *Bos taurus* (Wakil et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 207:631-638 (1954)). Yet other gene candidates demonstrated to reduce acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA are phbB from Zoogloea ramigera (Ploux et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 174:177-182 (1988)) and phaB from *Rhodobacter* sphaeroides (Alber et al., *Mol. Microbiol.* 61:297-309 (2006)).) The former gene candidate is NADPH-dependent, its nucleotide sequence has been determined (Peoples et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 3:349-357 (1989)) and the gene has been expressed in *E. coli*. Substrate specificity studies on the gene led to the conclusion that it could accept 3-oxopropionyl-CoA as an alternate substrate (Peoples et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 3:349-357 (1989)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hbd	18266893	P52041.2	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
Hbd2	146348271	EDK34807.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
Hbd1	146345976	EDK32512.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
HSD17B10	3183024	O02691.3	*Bos taurus*
phaB	77464321	YP_353825.1	*Rhodobacter sphaeroides*
phbB	130017	P23238.1	*Zoogloea ramigera*

[0580] A number of similar enzymes have been found in other species of Clostridia and in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hbd	15895965	NP_349314.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
hbd	20162442	AAM14586.1	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
Msed_1423	146304189	YP_001191505	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_0399	146303184	YP_001190500	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_0389	146303174	YP_001190490	*Metallosphaera sedula*
Msed_1993	146304741	YP_001192057	*Metallosphaera sedula*

[0581] 1.13.12.a Monooxygenase (O_2 incorporating)—An O_2-incorporating monooxygenase is required to convert homolysine to 6-aminohexanamide (Step A of FIG. **23**). The lysine 2-monooxygenase (EC 1.13.12.2) from *Pseudomonas fluorescens* reacts with homolysine as a substrate (Nakazawa et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 247:3439-3444 (1972)). The enzyme

from *P. putida* has been characterized biochemically and the gene has been identified (Karyakin et al., *Prikladnaya Biokhimiya i Mikrobiologiya* 27:825-832 (1991)). Genes encoding lysine 2-monooxygenase enzymes in *P. fluorescens* (eval=0.0, 90% identity), *Streptomyces coelicolor* (eval=0.0, 58% identity), *Rhodococcus jostii* (eval=0.0, 56% identity) and others were identified by protein sequence homology to the *P. putida* enzyme.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
davB	193805882	BAG54787.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pfl_5670	68347255	AAY94861.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
SCO1454	7209214	CAB76876.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
RHA1_ro03531	110820050	ABG95334.1	*Rhodococcus jostii*

[0582] 1.2.1.a Oxidoreductase (aldehyde to acid) Two transformations in FIG. **26** require conversion of an aldehyde to an acid: conversion of 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 2-aminopimelate (Step D) and 6-aminohexanal to 6-aminocaproate (Step F). Such reactions are catalyzed by NAD(P)+-dependent oxidoreductases that convert aldehydes to acids in the EC class 1.2.1. A candidate enzyme is the NAD+-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase (EC 1.2.1.3). Two aldehyde dehydrogenases found in human liver, ALDH-1 and ALDH-2, have broad substrate ranges for a variety of aliphatic, aromatic and polycyclic aldehydes (Klyosov et al., *Biochemistry* 35:4457-4467 (1996)). Active ALDH-2 has been efficiently expressed in *E. coli* using the GroEL proteins as chaperonins (Lee et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 298:216-224 (2002)). The rat mitochondrial aldehyde dehydrogenase also has a broad substrate range that includes the enoyl-aldehyde crotonaldehyde (Siew et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 176: 638-649 (1976)). The *E. coli* gene astD also encodes an NAD+-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase that converts succinic semialdehyde to succinate (Kuznetsova et al., *FEMS Microbiol Rev* 29:263-279 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ALDH-2	118504	P05091.2	*Homo sapiens*
ALDH-2	14192933	NP_115792.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
astD	3913108	P76217.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0583] 1.2.1.b Oxidoreductase (acyl-CoA to aldehyde)-Reductive de-acylation of 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **21**, Step I), 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **21**, Step L) and 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **21**, Step Y) to their corresponding aldehydes is catalyzed by enzymes in the EC class 1.2.1. Exemplary acyl-CoA dehydrogenases that reduce an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde include the fatty acid acyl-CoA reductase enzymes of *Acinetobacter* calcoaceticus (Reiser et al., *Journal of Bacteriology* 179:2969-2975 (1997)) and *Acinetobacter* sp. M-1 (Ishige et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 68:1192-1195 (2002)), and a CoA- and NADP-dependent succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase encoded by the sucD gene in *Clostridium* kluyveri (Sohling et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996); and Sohling et al., *J Bacteriol* 178:871-80 (1996)). SucD of *P. gingivalis* is another succinate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (Takahashi et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 182:4704-4710 (2000)). The enzyme acylating acetaldehyde dehydrogenase in *Pseudomonas* sp, encoded by bphG, is yet another as it has been demonstrated to oxidize and acylate acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, butyraldehyde, isobutyraldehyde and formaldehyde (Powlowski et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 175:377-385 (1993)). In addition to reducing acetyl-CoA to ethanol, the enzyme encoded by adhE in *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* has been shown to oxidize the branched chain compound isobutyraldehyde to isobutyryl-CoA (Koo et al., *Biotechnol Lett.* 27:505-510 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acr1	50086359	YP_047869.1	*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*
acr1	1684886	AAC45217	*Acinetobacter baylyi*
acr1	18857901	BAB85476.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. Strain M-1
sucD	172046062	P38947.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
sucD	34540484	NP_904963.1	*Porphyromonas gingivalis*
bphG	425213	BAA03892.1	*Pseudomonas* sp

[0584] An additional enzyme type that converts an acyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde is malonyl-CoA reductase which transforms malonyl-CoA to malonic semialdehyde. Malonyl-CoA reductase is a key enzyme in autotrophic carbon fixation via the 3-hydroxypropionate cycle in thermoacidophilic archael bacteria (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007); and Thauer et al., *Science.* 318:1732-1733 (2007)). The enzyme utilizes NADPH as a cofactor and has been characterized in *Metallosphaera* and *Sulfolobus* spp (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); and Hugler et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:2404-2410 (2002)). The enzyme is encoded by Msed 0709 in *Metallosphaera sedula* (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188:8551-8559 (2006); and Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)). A gene encoding a malonyl-CoA reductase from *Sulfolobus tokodaii* was cloned and heterologously expressed in *E. coli* (Alber et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 188: 8551-8559 (2006)). This enzyme has also been shown to catalyze the conversion of methylmalonyl-CoA to its corresponding aldehyde (WO/2007/141208). Although the aldehyde dehydrogenase functionality of these enzymes is similar to the bifunctional dehydrogenase from *Chloroflexus aurantiacus*, there is little sequence similarity. Both malonyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates have high sequence similarity to aspartate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase, an enzyme catalyzing the reduction and concurrent dephosphorylation of aspartyl-4-phosphate to aspartate semialdehyde. Additional gene candidates can be found by sequence homology to proteins in other organisms including *Sulfolobus solfataricus* and *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*. Yet another candidate for CoA-acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase is the ald gene from *Clostridium beijerinckii* (Toth et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 65:4973-4980 (1999)). This enzyme has been reported to reduce acetyl-CoA and butyryl-CoA to their corresponding aldehydes. This gene is very similar to eutE that encodes acetaldehyde dehydrogenase of *Salmonella typhimurium* and *E. coli* (Toth et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 65:4973-4980 (1999)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
Msed_0709	146303492	YP_001190808.1	*Metallosphaera sedula*
mcr	15922498	NP_378167.1	*Sulfolobus tokodaii*
asd-2	15898958	NP_343563.1	*Sulfolobus solfataricus*
Saci_2370	70608071	YP_256941.1	*Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*
Ald	49473535	AAT66436	*Clostridium beijerinckii*
eutE	687645	AAA80209	*Salmonella typhimurium*
eutE	2498347	P77445	*Escherichia coli*

[0585] 1.2.1.d Oxidoreductase (phosphonate reductase)—The reduction of a phosphonic acid to its corresponding aldehyde is catalyzed by an oxidoreductase in the EC class 1.2.1. Steps G, N and X in FIG. **21** require such an enzyme for the reduction of 5-oxopimeloyl-phosphonate, 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate and 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate to their corresponding aldehydes. These reactions are not catalyzed by known enzymes. A similar reaction is catalyzed by aspartate semialdehyde dehydrogenase (ASD, EC 1.2.1.11): the NADPH-dependent reduction of 4-aspartyl phosphate to aspartate-4-semialdehyde. ASD participates in amino acid biosynthesis and recently has been studied as an antimicrobial target (Hadfield et al., *Biochemistry* 40:14475-14483 (2001)). The *E. coli* ASD structure has been solved (Hadfield et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 289:991-1002 (1999)) and the enzyme has been shown to accept the alternate substrate beta-3-methylaspartyl phosphate (Shames, et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 259:15331-15339 (1984)). The *Haemophilus influenzae* enzyme has been the subject of enzyme engineering studies to alter substrate binding affinities at the active site (Blanco et al., *Crystallogr.* 60:1388-1395 (2004)). Other ASD candidates are found in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Shafiani et al., *J Appl Microbiol* 98:832-838 (2005)), *Methanococcus jannaschii* Faehnle et al. *J Mol.* 353:1055-1068 (2005)) and the infectious microorganisms *Vibrio cholera* and *Heliobacter pylori* (Moore et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 25:189-194 (2002)). Acetylglutamylphosphate reductase (EC 1.2.1.38) is a related enzyme that naturally reduces acetylglutamylphosphate to acetylglutamate-5-semialdehyde. Genes encoding this enzyme are found in *S. cerevisiae* (Pauwels et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:1014-1024 (2003)), *B. subtilis* (O'Reilly et al., *Microbiology* 140 (Pt 5):1023-1025 (1994)) and other organisms.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
asd	16131307	NP_417891.1	*Escherichia coli*
asd	68249223	YP_248335.1	*Haemophilus influenzae*
asd	1899206	AAB49996	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
VC2036	15642038	NP_231670	*Vibrio cholera*
asd	210135348	YP_002301787.1	*Heliobacter pylori*
ARG5,6	6320913	NP_010992.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
argC	16078184	NP_389001.1	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0586] Other exemplary phosphonate reductase enzymes include glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase which converts glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate into D-glycerate 1,3-bisphosphate (e.g., *E. coli* gapA (Branlant et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 150:61-66 (1985)).23)), N-acetyl-gamma-glutamyl-phosphate reductase which converts N-acetyl-L-glutamate-5-semialdehyde into N-acetyl-L-glutamyl-5-phosphate (e.g., *E. coli* argC (Parsot et al., *Gene.* 68:275-283 (1988)), and glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase which converts L-glutamate-5-semialdehyde into L-glutamyl-5-phospate (e.g., *E. coli* proA (Smith et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 157:545-551 (1984))). Genes encoding glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehydrogenase enzymes from *Salmonella typhimurium* (Mahan et al., *J Bacteriol.* 156:1249-1262 (1983)) and *Campylobacter jejuni* (Louie et al., Mol. Gen. Genet. 240:29-35 (1993)) were cloned and expressed in *E. coli*.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gapA	71159358	P0A9B2.2	*Escherichia coli*
argC	16131796	NP_418393.1	*Escherichia coli*
proA	16128229	NP_414778.1	*Escherichia coli*
proA	16763704	NP_459319.1	*Salmonella typhimurium*
proA	9087222	P53000.2	*Campylobacter jejuni*

[0587] 1.2.1.e Acid reductase—Several transformations in FIG. **21** require the conversion of an acid to an aldehyde (FIG. **21**, Steps C, O, W). Such a transformation is thermodynamically unfavorable and typically requires energy-rich cofactors and multiple enzymatic steps. For example, in butanol biosynthesis conversion of butyrate to butyraldehyde is catalyzed by activation of butyrate to its corresponding acyl-CoA by a CoA transferase or ligase, followed by reduction to butyraldehyde by a CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase. Alternately, an acid can be activated to an acyl-phosphate and subsequently reduced by a phosphate reductase. Direct conversion of the acid to aldehyde by a single enzyme is catalyzed by an enzyme in the 1.2.1 family. Exemplary enzymes that catalyze these transformations include carboxylic acid reductase, alpha-aminoadipate reductase and retinoic acid reductase.

[0588] Carboxylic acid reductase, found in *Nocardia iowensis*, catalyzes the magnesium, ATP and NADPH-dependent reduction of carboxylic acids to their corresponding aldehydes (Venkitasubramanian et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 282:478-485 (2007)). This enzyme, encoded by car, was cloned and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Venkitasubramanian et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 282:478-485 (2007)). Expression of the npt gene product improved activity of the enzyme via post-transcriptional modification. The npt gene encodes a specific phosphopantetheine transferase (PPTase) that converts the inactive apo-enzyme to the active holo-enzyme. The natural substrate of this enzyme is vanillic acid and the enzyme exhibits broad acceptance of aromatic and aliphatic substrates (Venkitasubramanian et al. "Biocatalytic Reduction of Carboxylic Acids Mechanism and Applications" Chapter 15 in Biocatalysis in the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Industires, ed. R.N. Patel, CRC Press LLC, Boca Raton, Fla. (2006)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
car	40796035	AAR91681.1	*Nocardia iowensis* (sp. NRRL 5646)
npt	114848891	ABI83656.1	*Nocardia iowensis* (sp. NRRL 5646)

[0589] An enzyme with similar characteristics, alpha-aminoadipate reductase (AAR, EC 1.2.1.31), participates in lysine biosynthesis pathways in some fungal species. This enzyme naturally reduces alpha-aminoadipate to alpha-aminoadipate semialdehyde. The carboxyl group is first activated through the ATP-dependent formation of an adenylate that is then reduced by NAD(P)H to yield the aldehyde and AMP. Like CAR, this enzyme utilizes magnesium and requires activation by a PPTase. Enzyme candidates for AAR and its corresponding PPTase are found in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Morris et al., *Gene* 98:141-145 (1991)), *Candida albicans* (Guo et al., *Mol. Genet. Genomics* 269:271-279 (2003)), and *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (Ford et al., *Curr. Genet.* 28:131-137 (1995)). The AAR from *S. pombe* exhibited significant activity when expressed in *E. coli* (Guo et al., *Yeast* 21:1279-1288 (2004)). The AAR from *Penicillium chrysogenum* accepts S-carboxymethyl-L-cysteine as an alternate substrate, but did not react with adipate, L-glutamate or diaminopimelate (Hijarrubia et al., *J. Biol. Chem* 278:8250-8256 (2003)). The gene encoding the *P. chrysogenum* PPTase has not been identified to date and no high-confidence hits were identified by sequence comparison homology searching. Directed evolution or other enzyme engineering methods may be required to enhance reactivity with the substrates in FIG. **21**.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
LYS2	171867	AAA34747.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
LYS5	1708896	P50113.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
LYS2	2853226	AAC02241.1	*Candida albicans*
LYS5	28136195	AAO26020.1	*Candida albicans*
Lys1p	13124791	P40976.3	*Schizosaccharomyces pombe*
Lys7p	1723561	Q10474.1	*Schizosaccharomyces pombe*
Lys2	3282044	CAA74300.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*

[0590] 1.3.1.a Oxidoreductase (alkene to alkane)—Three transformations fall into the category of oxidoreductases that reduce an alkene to an alkane (EC 1.3.1.-). The conversion of 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **20**, Step E),2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-onoate to 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (FIG. **22**, Step C) and 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**, Step C) are catalyzed by a 2-enoate reductase. 2-Enoate reductase enzymes are known to catalyze the NAD(P)H-dependent reduction of a wide variety of α,β-unsaturated carboxylic acids and aldehydes (Rohdich, et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). In the recently published genome sequence of *C. kluyveri,* 9 coding sequences for enoate reductases were reported, out of which one has been characterized (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 105:2128-2133 (2008)). The enr genes from both *C. tyrobutyricum* and *M. thermoaceticum* have been cloned and sequenced and show 59% identity to each other. The former gene is also found to have approximately 75% similarity to the characterized gene in *C. kluyveri* (Giesel et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 135:51-57 (1983)). It has been reported based on these sequence results that enr is very similar to the dienoyl CoA reductase in *E. coli* (fadH) (Rohdich, et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)). The *Moorella thermoacetica* (formerly *C. thermoaceticum*) enr gene has also been expressed in a catalytically active form in *E. coli* (Ohdich, et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 276:5779-5787 (2001)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
enr	169405742	ACA54153.1	*Clostridium botulinum* A3 str
enr	2765041	CAA71086.1	*Clostridium tyrobutyricum*
enr	3402834	CAA76083.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
enr	83590886	YP_430895.1	*Moorella thermoacetica*
fadH	16130976	NP_417552.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0591] Another candidate 2-enoate reductase is maleylacetate reductase (MAR), an enzyme catalyzing the reduction of 2-maleylacetate (4-oxohex-2-enedioate) to 3-oxoadipate. MAR enzymes naturally participate in aromatic degradation pathways (Camara et al., *J Bacteriol.* (2009); Huang et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 72:7238-7245 (2006)); Kaschabek et al., *J Bacteriol.* 177:320-325 (1995) and Kaschabek et al., *J Bacteriol.* 175:6075-6081 (1993)). The enzyme activity was identified and characterized in *Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J Bacteriol* 177:320-325 (1995); and Kaschabek et al., *J Bacteriol* 175:6075-6081 (1993)), and the coding gene was cloned and sequenced (Kasberg et al., *J Bacteriol.* 179:3801-3803 (1997)). Additional MAR gene candidates include cicE gene from *Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13 (Kasberg et al., *J Bacteriol.* 179:3801-3803 (1997)), macA gene from *Rhodococcus opacus* (Seibert et al., *J Bacteriol* 180:3503-3508 (1998)), the macA gene from *Ralstonia eutropha* (also known as *Cupriavidus necator*) (Seibert et al., *Microbiology* 150:463-472 (2004)), tfdFII from *Ralstonia eutropha* (Seibert et al., *J Bacteriol.* 175:6745-6754 (1993)) and NCgl1112 in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (Huang et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 72:7238-7245 (2006)). A MAR in *Pseudomonas reinekei* MT1, encoded by ccaD, was recently identified and the nucleotide sequence is available under the DBJ/EMBL GenBank accession number EF159980 (Camara et al., *J Bacteriol.* (2009)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
clcE	3913241	O30847.1	*Pseudomonas* sp. strain B13
macA	7387876	O84992.1	*Rhodococcus opacus*
macA	5916089	AAD55886	*Cupriavidus necator*
tfdFII	1747424	AAC44727.1	*Ralstonia eutropha* JMP134
NCgl1112	19552383	NP_600385	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
ccaD	134133940	ABO61029.1	*Pseudomonas reinekei* MT1

[0592] Enoyl-CoA reductase enzymes are suitable enzymes for catalyzing the reduction of 6-amino-7-carboxy-hept-2-enoyl-CoA to 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **20**, Step E). One exemplary enoyl-CoA reductase is the gene product of bcd from *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., *Metab Eng.* 10:305-311 (2008)); and Boynton et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178: 3015-3024 (1996)), which naturally catalyzes the reduction of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA. Activity of this enzyme can be enhanced by expressing bcd in conjunction with expression of the *C. acetobutylicum* etfAB genes, which encode an electron transfer flavoprotein. An additional candidate for the enoyl-CoA reductase step is the mitochondrial enoyl-CoA reductase from *E. gracilis* (Hoffmeister,et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). A construct derived from this sequence following the removal of its mitochondrial targeting

leader sequence was cloned in *E. coli* resulting in an active enzyme (Hoffmeister,et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 280:4329-4338 (2005)). This approach is well known to those skilled in the art of expressing eukaryotic genes, particularly those with leader sequences that may target the gene product to a specific intracellular compartment, in prokaryotic organisms. A close homolog of this gene, TDE0597 from the prokaryote *Treponema denticola*, represents a third enoyl-CoA reductase which has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Tucci et al, *Febs Letters* 581:1561-1566 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bcd	15895968	NP_349317.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfA	15895966	NP_349315.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
etfB	15895967	NP_349316.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
TER	62287512	Q5EU90.1	*Euglena gracilis*
TDE0597	42526113	NP_971211.1	*Treponema denticola*

[0593] Additional enoyl-CoA reductase enzyme candidates are found in organisms that degrade aromatic compounds. *Rhodopseudomonas palustris*, a model organism for benzoate degradation, has the enzymatic capability to degrade pimelate via beta-oxidation of pimeloyl-CoA. Adjacent genes in the pim operon, pimC and pimD, bear sequence homology to *C. acetobutylicum* bcd and are predicted to encode a flavin-containing pimeloyl-CoA dehydrogenase (Harrison et al., *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)). The genome of nitrogen-fixing soybean symbiont *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* also contains a pim operon composed of genes with high sequence similarity to pimC and pimD of *R. palustris* (Harrison et al., *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pimC	39650632	CAE29155	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
pimD	39650631	CAE29154	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
pimC	27356102	BAC53083	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*
pimD	27356101	BAC53082	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*

[0594] An additional candidate is 2-methyl-branched chain enoyl-CoA reductase (EC 1.3.1.52), an enzyme catalyzing the reduction of sterically hindered trans-enoyl-CoA substrates. This enzyme participates in branched-chain fatty acid synthesis in the nematode Ascarius suum and is capable of reducing a variety of linear and branched chain substrates including 2-methylbutanoyl-CoA, 2-methylpentanoyl-CoA, octanoyl-CoA and pentanoyl-CoA (Duran et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 268:22391-22396 (1993))). Two isoforms of the enzyme, encoded by genes acad1 and acad, have been characterized.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acad1	2407655	AAC48316.1	*Ascarius suum*
acad	347404	AAA16096.1	*Ascarius suum*

[0595] 1.4.1.a Oxidoreductase (aminating)—Several reactions in FIGS. **20-23** require the conversion of ketones or aldehydes to amine groups. Such a transformation can be accomplished by aminating oxidoreductases in the EC class 1.4.1. Enzymes in this EC class catalyze the oxidative deamination of amino groups with NAD+ or NADP+ as acceptor, and the reactions are typically reversible.

[0596] In Step D of FIG. **22** the 2-oxoacid 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate is converted to homolysine, a molecule resembling an amino acid (FIG. **22**, Step D; FIG. **26**, Step J). The conversion of 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2,7-diaminosubarate (Step K of FIG. **26**) is a similar transformation. Exemplary enzymes for catalyzing these reactions include glutamate dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.2), leucine dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.9), and aspartate dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.21). The gdhA gene product from *Escherichia coli* (Korber, et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 234:1270-1273. (1993)), gdh from *Thermotoga maritime* (Kort et al., *Extremophiles* 1:52-60. 1997); Lebbink et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 280:287-296 (1998) and Lebbink et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 289:357-369 (1999))), and gdhA1 from *Halobacterium salinarum* (Ingoldsby et al., *Gene* 349:237-244 (2005)) catalyze the reversible conversion of glutamate to 2-oxoglutarate and ammonia, while favoring NADP(H), NAD(H), or both, respectively. The ldh gene of *Bacillus cereus* encodes the LeuDH protein that has a wide of range of substrates including leucine, isoleucine, valine, and 2-aminobutanoate (Ansorge et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng.* 68:557-562 (2000)); and Stoyan et al., *J Biotechnol* 54:77-80 (1997)). The nadX gene from *Thermotoga maritima* encoding for the aspartate dehydrogenase is involved in the biosynthesis of NAD (Yang et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 278:8804-8808 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gdhA	118547	P00370	*Escherichia coli*
gdh	6226595	P96110.4	*Thermotoga maritima*
gdhA1	15789827	NP_279651.1	*Halobacterium salinarum*
ldh	61222614	P0A393	*Bacillus cereus*
nadX	15644391	NP_229443.1	*Thermotoga maritima*

[0597] Two reactions entail conversion of 3-oxoacids to 3-amino acids: 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate to 3,7-diaminoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step E),3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step J) and 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step AB). An enzyme that reacts with 3-oxoacids is 3,5-diaminohexanoate dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.11), an enzyme found in organisms that ferment lysine. The gene encoding this enzyme, kdd, was recently identified in *Fusobacterium nucleatum* (Kreimeyer et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 282:7191-7197 (2007)). The enzyme has been purified and characterized in other organisms (Baker et al., *Chem.* 247:7724-7734 (1972)); and Baker et al., *Biochemistr.* 13:292-299 (1974)) but the genes associated with these enzymes are not known. Candidates in *Myxococcus xanthus, Porphyromonas gingivalis* W83 and other sequenced organisms can be inferred by sequence homology.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kdd	19713113	AAL93966.1	*Fusobacterium nucleatum*
mxan_4391	108462082	ABF87267.1	*Myxococcus xanthus*
pg_1069	34397119	AAQ66183.1	*Porphyromonas gingivalis*

[0598] The conversions of 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to homolysine (FIG. **20**, Step G; FIG. **21**, Step Q; FIG. **26**, Step M), 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal to 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step D) 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 3,7-diaminoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step Z) and 6-aminohexanal to HMDA (FIG. **26**, Step C; FIG. **22**, Step G) are catalyzed by aminating oxidoreductases that transform aldehydes to their corresponding primary amines. An enzyme that catalyzes a similar reaction is lysine 6-dehydrogenase (EC 1.4.1.18), encoded by the lysDH genes. This enzyme catalyzes the reversible oxidative deamination of the 6-amino group of L-lysine to form 2-aminoadipate-6-semialdehyde (Misono et al., *J Bacteriol.* 150:398-401 (1982)). Exemplary enzyme candidates are found in *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (Heydari et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 70:937-942 (2004)), *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Hashimoto et al., J Biochem 106:76-80 (1989); and Misono et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 150:398-401 (1982)), and *Achromobacter denitrificans* (Ruldeekulthamrong et al., *BMP Rep.* 41:790-795 (2008)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lysDH	13429872	BAB39707	*Geobacillus stearothermophilus*
lysDH	15888285	NP_353966	*Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
lysDH	74026644	AAZ94428	*Achromobacter denitrificans*

[0599] 2.3.1.b Acyltransferase (beta-ketothiolase)—In Step A of FIG. **21**, Glutaryl-CoA and acetyl-CoA are condensed to form 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA by oxopimeloyl-CoA:glutaryl-CoA acyltransferase, a beta-ketothiolase (EC 2.3.1.16). An enzyme catalyzing this transformation is found in *Ralstonia eutropha* (formerly known as *Alcaligenes eutrophus*), encoded by genes bktB and bktC (Haywood et al., *FEMS Microbiology Letters* 52:91-96 (1988); and Slater et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 180:1979-1987 (1998)). The sequence of the BktB protein is known; however, the sequence of the BktC protein has not been reported. The pim operon of *Rhodopseudomonas palustris* also encodes a beta-ketothiolase, encoded by pimB, predicted to catalyze this transformation in the degradative direction during benzoyl-CoA degradation (Harrison et al., *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)). A beta-ketothiolase enzyme candidate in *S. aciditrophicus* was identified by sequence homology to bktB (43% identity, evalue=1e-93).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
bktB	11386745	YP_725948	*Ralstonia eutropha*
pimB	39650633	CAE29156	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
syn_02642	85860483	YP_462685.1	*Syntrophus aciditrophicus*

[0600] Beta-ketothiolase enzymes catalyzing the formation of beta-ketovalerate from acetyl-CoA and propionyl-CoA may also be able to catalyze the formation of 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA. *Zoogloea ramigera* possesses two ketothiolases that can form β-ketovaleryl-CoA from propionyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA and *R. eutropha* has a β-oxidation ketothiolase that is also capable of catalyzing this transformation (Gruys et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,958,745 (1999)). The sequences of these genes or their translated proteins have not been reported, but several candidates in *R. eutropha, Z. ramigera*, or other organisms can be identified based on sequence homology to bktB from *R. eutropha*. These include:

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
phaA	113867452	YP_725941.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A1713	113867716	YP_726205.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
pcaF	116694155	YP_728366.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_B1369	116695312	YP_840888.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A0170	113866201	YP_724690.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A0462	113866491	YP_724980.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A1528	113867539	YP_726028.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_B0381	116694334	YP_728545.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_B0662	116694613	YP_728824.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_B0759	116694710	YP_728921.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_B0668	116694619	YP_728830.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A1720	113867723	YP_726212.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
h16_A1887	113867867	YP_726356.1	*Ralstonia eutropha*
phbA	135759	P07097.4	*Zoogloea ramigera*
bktB	194289475	YP_002005382.1	*Cupriavidus taiwanensis*
Rmet_1362	94310304	YP_583514.1	*Ralstonia metallidurans*
Bphy_0975	186475740	YP_001857210.1	*Burkholderia phymatum*

[0601] Additional candidates include beta-ketothiolases that are known to convert two molecules of acetyl-CoA into acetoacetyl-CoA (EC 2.1.3.9). Exemplary acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase enzymes include the gene products of atoB from *E. coli* (Martin et al., *Nat. Biotechnol* 21:796-802 (2003)), thlA and thlB from *C. acetobutylicum* (Hanai et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 73:7814-7818 (2007)); and Winzer et al., *J. Mol. Microbiol Biotechnol* 2:531-541 (2000)), and ERG10 from *S. cerevisiae* (Hiser,et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269:31383-31389 (1994)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
atoB	16130161	NP_416728	*Escherichia coli*
thlA	15896127	NP_349476.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
thlB	15004782	NP_149242.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ERG10	6325229	NP_015297	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

[0602] Beta-ketoadipyl-CoA thiolase (EC 2.3.1.174), also called 3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, converts beta-ketoadipyl-CoA to succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA, and is a key enzyme of the beta-ketoadipate pathway for aromatic compound degradation. The enzyme is widespread in soil bacteria and fungi including *Pseudomonas putida* (Harwood et al., *J Bacteriol* 176:6479-6488 (1994)) and *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus* (Doten et al., *J Bacteriol.* 169:3168-3174 (1987)). The gene products encoded by pcaF in *Pseudomonas* strain B13 (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)), phaD in *Pseudomonas putida* U (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 95:6419-6424 (1998)), paaE in *Pseudomonas fluorescens* ST (Di Arch et al., *Microbiol* 188:117-125 (2007)), and paaJ from *E. coli* (Nogales et al., *Microbiology* 153:357-365 (2007)) also catalyze this transformation. Several beta-ketothiolases exhibit significant and selective activities in the oxoadipyl-CoA forming direction including bkt from *Pseudomonas putida*, pcaF and bkt from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1, bkt from *Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD, paaJ from *E. coli*, and phaD from *P. putida*. These enzymes can also be employed for the synthesis of 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA, a compound structurally similar to 3-oxoadipyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
paaJ	16129358	NP_415915.1	*Escherichia coli*
pcaF	17736947	AAL02407	*Pseudomonas knackmussii* (B13)
phaD	3253200	AAC24332.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaF	506695	AAA85138.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaF	141777	AAC37148.1	*Acinetobacter calcoaceticus*
paaE	106636097	ABF82237.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
bkt	115360515	YP_777652.1	*Burkholderia ambifaria* AMMD
bkt	9949744	AAG06977.1	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1
pcaF	9946065	AAG03617.1	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1

[0603] A beta-ketothiolase is also required to condense glutamyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA (FIG. **20**, Step B). This transformation is not known to occur naturally. The beta-ketothiolase candidates described above are also exemplary candidates for catalyzing this transformation.

[0604] 2.6.1.a Aminotransferase—Several reactions in FIGS. **20-26** are catalyzed by aminotransferases in the EC class 2.6.1. Such enzymes reversibly transfer amino groups from aminated donors to acceptors such as pyruvate and alpha-ketoglutarate.

[0605] Aminotransferases selective for aldehydes are required for transaminating 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (FIG. **20**, Step G; FIG. **21**, Step Q; FIG. **26**, Step M), 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal (FIG. **21**, Step D) 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step Z) and 6-aminohexanal (FIG. **26**, Step C; FIG. **22**, Step G). An exemplary enzyme for converting aldehydes to primary amines is lysine-6-aminotransferase (EC 2.6.1.36). This enzyme function, converting lysine to alpha-aminoadipate semialdehyde, has been demonstrated in yeast and bacteria. Candidates from *Candida utilis* (Hammer et al., *J Basic Microbiol* 32:21-27 (1992)), *Flavobacterium lutescens* (Fujii et al., *J. Biochem.* 128:391-397 (2000)) and *Streptomyces* clavuligenus (Romero et al., *Microbiol Biotechnol* 18:241-246 (1997)) have been characterized. A recombinant lysine-6-aminotransferase from *S. clavuligenus* was functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Tobin et al., *J Bacteriol.* 173:6223-6229 (1991)). The *F. lutescens* enzyme is specific to alpha-ketoglutarate as the amino acceptor (Soda et al., *Biochemistry* 7:4110-4119 (1968)). Other enzymes which convert aldehydes to terminal amines include the dat gene product in *Acinetobacter* baumanii encoding 2,4-diaminobutanoate:2-ketoglutarate 4-transaminase (Ikai et al., *J Bacteriol.* 179:5118-5125 (1997)). In addition to its natural substrate, 2,4-diaminobutyrate, DAT transaminates the terminal amines of lysine, 4-aminobutyrate and ornithine.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lat	10336502	BAB13756.1	*Flavobacterium lutescens*
lat	153343	AAA26777.1	*Streptomyces clavuligenus*
dat	6685373	P56744.1	*Acinetobacter baumanii*

[0606] Additional enzyme candidates include putrescine aminotransferases or other diamine aminotransferases. The *E. coli* putrescine aminotransferase is encoded by the ygjG gene and the purified enzyme was also able to transaminate cadaverine and spermidine (Samsonova et al., *Microbiol* 3:2 (2003)). In addition, activity of this enzyme on 1,7-diaminoheptane and with amino acceptors other than 2-oxoglutarate (e.g., pyruvate, 2-oxobutanoate) has been reported (Kim et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 239:783-786 (1964); and Samsonova et al., *Microbiol* 3:2 (2003)). The spuC gene of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* encodes a putrescine aminotransferase with higher activity with pyruvate as the amino acceptor than alpha-ketoglutarate (Lu et al., *J Bacteriol.* 184:3765-3773 (2002)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ygjG	145698310	NP_417544	*Escherichia coli*
spuC	9946143	AAG03688	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

[0607] The conversion of an aldehyde to a terminal amine can also be catalyzed by gamma-aminobutyrate transaminase (GABA transaminase). This enzyme naturally interconverts succinic semialdehyde and glutamate to 4-aminobutyrate and alpha-ketoglutarate and is known to have a broad substrate range (Liu et al., *Biochemistry* 43:10896-10905 (2004); and Schulz et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol* 56:1-6 (1990)). The two GABA transaminases in *E. coli* are encoded by gabT (Bartsch et al., *J Bacteriol.* 172:7035-7042 (1990)) and puuE (Kurihara et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4602-4608 (2005)). GABA transaminases in *Mus musculus, Pseudomonas fluorescens*, and *Sus scrofa* have been shown to react with a range of alternate substrates including 6-aminocaproic acid (Cooper, *Methods Enzymol.* 113:80-82 (1985)); and Scott et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 234:932-936 (1959)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gabT	16130576	NP_417148.1	*Escherichia coli*
puuE	16129263	NP_415818.1	*Escherichia coli*
abat	37202121	NP_766549.2	*Mus musculus*
gabT	70733692	YP_257332.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
abat	47523600	NP_999428.1	*Sus scrofa*

[0608] Enzymes that transaminate 3-oxoacids are required to convert 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate to 3,7-diaminoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step E),3-oxopimelate to 3-aminopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step J) and 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal to 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (FIG. **21**, Step AB). Enzymes catalyzing these exact transformations have not been identified to date. Beta-alanine/alpha-ketoglutarate aminotransferase (WO08027742) reacts with beta-alanine to form malonic semialdehyde, a 3-oxoacid. The gene product of SkPYD4 in *Saccharomyces kluyveri* was shown to preferentially use beta-alanine as the amino group donor (Andersen et al., *Gene.* 124:105-109 (1993)). SkUGA1 encodes a homologue of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* GABA aminotransferase, UGA1 (Ramos et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 149:401-404 (1985)), whereas SkPYD4 encodes an enzyme involved in both beta-alanine and GABA transamination (Andersen et al., *Gene.* 124:105-109 (1993)). 3-Amino-2-methylpropionate transaminase catalyzes the transformation from methylmalonate semialdehyde to 3-amino-2-methylpropionate. The enzyme has been characterized in *Rattus norvegicus* and *Sus scrofa* and is encoded by Abat (Kakimoto et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 156:374-380 (1968); and Tamaki et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 324:376-389 (2000)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
SkyPYD4	98626772	ABF58893.1	*Lachancea kluyveri*
SkUGA1	98626792	ABF58894.1	*Lachancea kluyveri*
UGA1	6321456	NP_011533.1	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
Abat	122065191	P50554.3	*Rattus norvegicus*
Abat	120968	P80147.2	*Sus scrofa*

[0609] Several aminotransferases transaminate the amino groups of 2-oxo acids to form amino acids. Such an enzyme is required for the transamination of 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate to homolysine (FIG. **22**, Step D; FIG. **26**, Step M) and 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2,7-diaminosubarate (FIG. **26**, Step K). A promising enzyme candidate is alpha-aminoadipate aminotransferase (EC 2.6.1.39), an enzyme that participates in lysine biosynthesis and degradation in some organisms. This enzyme interconverts 2-aminoadipate and 2-oxoadipate, using alpha-ketoglutarate as the amino acceptor. Gene candidates are found in *Homo sapiens* (Okuno et al., *Enzyme Protein* 47:136-148 (1993)) and *Therms thermophilus* (Miyazaki et al., Microbiology 150:2327-2334 (2004)). The *Therms thermophilus* enzyme, encoded by lysN, is active with several alternate substrates including oxaloacetate, 2-oxoisocaproate, 2-oxoisovalerate, and 2-oxo-3-methylvalerate.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
lysN	31096548	BAC76939.1	*Therms thermophilus*
AadAT-II	46395904	Q8N5Z0.2	*Homo sapiens*

[0610] Another candidate is aspartate aminotransferase, an enzyme that naturally transfers an oxo group from oxaloacetate to glutamate, forming alpha-ketoglutarate and aspartate. Aspartate aminotransferase activity is catalyzed by, for example, the gene products of aspC from *Escherichia coli* (Yagi et al., *FEBS Lett.* 100:81-84 (1979); and Yagi et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 113:83-89 (1985)), AAT2 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Yagi et al., *J. Biochem.* 92:35-43 (1982)) and ASP5 from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (de la et al., *Plant J* 46:414-425 (2006); Kwok et al., *J Exp. Bot.* 55:595-604 (2004) and Wilkie et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 12:381-389 (1998)). The enzyme from *Rattus norvegicus* has been shown to transaminate alternate substrates such as 2-aminohexanedioic acid and 2,4-diaminobutyric acid (Recasens et al., *Biochemistry* 19:4583-4589 (1980)). Aminotransferases that work on other amino-acid substrates may also be able to catalyze this transformation. Valine aminotransferase catalyzes the conversion of valine and pyruvate to 2-ketoisovalerate and alanine. The *E. coli* gene, avtA, encodes one such enzyme (Whalen et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 150:739-746 (1982)). This gene product also catalyzes the transamination of α-ketobutyrate to generate α-aminobutyrate, although the amine donor in this reaction has not been identified (Whalen et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 158:571-574 (1984)). The gene product of the *E. coli* serC catalyzes two reactions, phosphoserine aminotransferase and phosphohydroxythreonine aminotransferase (Lam, J. et al., *Bacteriol.* 172:6518-6528 (1990)), and activity on non-phosphorylated substrates could not be detected (Drewke et al., *FEBS. Lett.* 390:179-182 (1996)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
aspC	16128895	NP_415448.1	*Escherichia coli*
AAT2	1703040	P23542.3	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
ASP5	20532373	P46248.2	*Arabidopsis thaliana*
Got2	112987	P00507	*Rattus norvegicus*
avtA	49176374	YP_026231.1	*Escherichia coli*
serC	16128874	NP_415427.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0611] 2.7.2.a Phosphotransferase (carboxy acceptor)—Phosphotransferase enzymes in the EC class 2.7.2 transform carboxylic acids to phosphonic acids with concurrent hydrolysis of one ATP. Steps F, M and U in FIG. **21** require a phosphotransferase to activate the carboxyl groups of 3-oxopimelate (Step F), 3-aminopimelate (Step M) and 2-aminopimelate (Step U) to their corresponding phosphonic acids. Butyrate kinase (EC 2.7.2.7) carries out the reversible conversion of butyryl-phosphate to butyrate during acidogenesis in *C. acetobutylicum* (Cary et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990)). This enzyme is encoded by either of the two buk gene products (Huang et al., *J Mol. Microbiol Biotechnol* 2:33-38 (2000)). Other butyrate kinase enzymes are found in *C. butyricum* and *C. tetanomorphum* (Twarog et al., *J Bacteriol.* 86:112-117 (1963)). Related enzyme isobutyrate kinase from *Thermotoga maritima* has also been expressed in *E. coli* and crystallized (Diao et al., *E. Biol. Crystallogr.* 59:1100-1102 (2003); and Diao et al., *J Bacteriol.* 191:2521-2529 (2009)). Aspartokinase catalyzes the ATP-dependent phosphorylation of aspartate and participates in the synthesis of several amino acids. The aspartokinase III enzyme in *E. coli*, encoded by lysC, has a broad substrate range and the catalytic residues involved in substrate specificity have been elucidated (Keng et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 335:73-81 (1996)). Two additional kinases in *E. coli* are also good candidates: acetate kinase and gamma-glutamyl kinase. The *E. coli* acetate kinase, encoded by ackA (Skarstedt et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 251:6775-6783 (1976)), phosphorylates propionate in addition to acetate (Hesslinger et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 27:477-492 (1998)). The *E. coli* gamma-glutamyl kinase, encoded by proB (Smith et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 157:545-551 (1984)), phosphorylates the gamma carbonic acid group of glutamate.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
buk1	15896326	NP_349675	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	20137415	Q97II1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
buk2	6685256	Q9X278.1	*Thermotoga maritima*
lysC	16131850	NP_418448.1	*Escherichia coli*
ackA	16130231	NP_416799.1	*Escherichia coli*
proB	16128228	NP_414777.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0612] 2.8.3.a Coenzyme-A transferase—CoA transferases catalyze the reversible transfer of a CoA moiety from one molecule to another. Several transformations in FIGS. **20** and **21** require a CoA transferase to activate carboxylic acids to their corresponding acyl-CoA derivatives (FIG. **20**, Steps A and I; FIG. **21**, Steps H, J, V). Candidate enzymes for catalyzing these transformations include the gene products of cat1, cat2, and cat3 of *Clostridium* kluyveri which have been shown to exhibit succinyl-CoA, 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, and butyryl-CoA transferase activity, respectively (Seedorf et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 105:2128-2133 (2008); and Sohling et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:871-880 (1996)). Similar CoA transferase activities are also present in Trichomonas vaginalis (van Grinsven et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 283:1411-1418 (2008)) and *Trypanosoma brucei* (Riviere et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 279: 45337-45346 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
cat1	729048	P38946.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat2	172046066	P38942.2	*Clostridium kluyveri*
cat3	146349050	EDK35586.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*
TVAG_395550	123975034	XP_001330176	*Trichomonas vaginalis* G3
Tb11.02.0290	71754875	XP_828352	*Trypanosoma brucei*

[0613] The glutaconyl-CoA-transferase (EC 2.8.3.12) enzyme from anaerobic bacterium *Acidaminococcus fermentans* reacts with glutaconyl-CoA and 3-butenoyl-CoA (Mack et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 (1994)), substrates similar in structure to 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA. The genes encoding this enzyme are gctA and gctB. This enzyme has reduced but detectable activity with other CoA derivatives including glutaryl-CoA, 2-hydroxyglutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA, crotonyl-CoA and acrylyl-CoA (Buckel et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 118: 315-321 (1981)). The enzyme has been cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Mack et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 226:41-51 (1994)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gctA	559392	CAA57199.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
gctB	559393	CAA57200.1	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*

[0614] A CoA transferase that can utilize acetyl-CoA as the CoA donor is acetoacetyl-CoA transferase, encoded by the *E. coli* atoA (alpha subunit) and atoD (beta subunit) genes (Korolev et al., *Biol. Crystallogr.* 58:2116-2121 (2002); and Vanderwinkel et al., *Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)). This enzyme has a broad substrate range (Sramek et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 171:14-26 (1975)) and has been shown to transfer the CoA moiety to acetate from a variety of branched and linear acyl-CoA substrates, including isobutyrate (Matthies et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 58:1435-1439 (1992)), valerate (Vanderwinkel et al., *Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)) and butanoate (Vanderwinkel et al., *Biophys. Res. Commun.* 33:902-908 (1968)). This enzyme is induced at the transcriptional level by acetoacetate, so modification of regulatory control may be necessary for engineering this enzyme into a pathway (Pauli et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 29:553-562 (1972)). Similar enzymes exist in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* ATCC 13032 (Duncan et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 68:5186-5190 (2002)), *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (Cary et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 56:1576-1583 (1990); and Wiesenborn et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol* 55:323-329 (1989)), and *Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum* (Kosaka et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem* 71:58-68 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
atoA	2492994	P76459.1	*Escherichia coli*
atoD	2492990	P76458.1	*Escherichia coli*
actA	62391407	YP_226809.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
cg0592	62389399	YP_224801.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
ctfA	15004866	NP_149326.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfB	15004867	NP_149327.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
ctfA	31075384	AAP42564.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*
ctfB	31075385	AAP42565.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*

[0615] The de-acylation 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA to 3-oxopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step B) is catalyzed by a 3-oxoacid-CoA transferase (EC 2.8.3.6). Succcinyl-CoA:3-oxoacid-CoA transferase, also known as beta-ketoadipyl-CoA transferase, is encoded by pcaI and pcaJ in *Pseudomonas putida* (Kaschabek et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 184:207-215 (2002)). Similar enzymes based on protein sequence homology exist in *Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1 (Kowalchuk et al., *Gene* 146:23-30 (1994)). Additional exemplary succinyl-CoA:3:oxoacid-CoA transferases are present in *Helicobacter pylori* (Corthesy-Theulaz et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 272:25659-25667 (1997)) and *Bacillus subtilis* (Stols et al., *Protein Expr. Purif.* 53:396-403 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pcaI	24985644	AAN69545.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaJ	26990657	NP_746082.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
pcaI	50084858	YP_046368.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaJ	141776	AAC37147.1	*Acinetobacter* sp. ADP1
pcaI	21224997	NP_630776.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
pcaJ	21224996	NP_630775.1	*Streptomyces coelicolor*
HPAG1_0676	108563101	YP_627417	*Helicobacter pylori*
HPAG1_0677	108563102	YP_627418	*Helicobacter pylori*
ScoA	16080950	NP_391778	*Bacillus subtilis*
ScoB	16080949	NP_391777	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0616] 3.1.2.a CoA hydrolase—The hydrolysis of 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA to 6-aminopimelate (FIG. **20**, Step I) is carried out by an acyl CoA hydrolase enzyme in the 3.1.2 family. An enzyme catalyzing this transformation has not been demonstrated to date. Several eukaryotic acetyl-CoA hydrolases (EC 3.1.2.1) have broad substrate specificity and thus represent suitable candidate enzymes for hydrolyzing 6-aminopimelate. For example, the enzyme from *Rattus norvegicus* brain (Robinson et al., *Res. Commun.* 71:959-965 (1976)) can react with butyryl-CoA, hexanoyl-CoA and malonyl-CoA. Though its sequence has not been reported, the enzyme from the mitochondrion of the pea leaf also has a broad substrate specificity, with demonstrated activity on acetyl-CoA, propionyl-CoA, butyryl-CoA, palmitoyl-CoA, oleoyl-CoA, succinyl-CoA, and crotonyl-CoA (Zeiher et al., *Plant. Physiol.* 94:20-27 (1990)). The acetyl-CoA hydrolase, ACH1, from *S. cerevisiae* represents another candidate hydrolase (Buu et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 278:17203-17209 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
acot12	18543355	NP_570103.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
ACH1	6319456	NP_009538	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

[0617] Another candidate hydrolase is the human dicarboxylic acid thioesterase, acot8, which exhibits activity on glutaryl-CoA, adipyl-CoA, suberyl-CoA, sebacyl-CoA, and dodecanedioyl-CoA (Westin et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 280:38125-38132 (2005)) and the closest *E. coli* homolog, tesB, which can also hydrolyze a broad range of CoA thioesters (Naggert et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 266:11044-11050 (1991)). A similar enzyme has also been characterized in the rat liver (Deana et al., *Biochem. Int.* 26:767-773 (1992)). Other potential *E. coli* thioester hydrolases include the gene products of tesA (Bonner et al., *Chem.* 247:3123-3133 (1972)), ybgC (Kuznetsova et al., *FEMS Microbiol Rev* 29:263-279 (2005); and (Zhuang et al., *FEBS Lett.* 516:161-163 (2002)), paal (Song et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 281:11028-11038 (2006)), and ybdB (Leduc et al., *J Bacteriol.* 189:7112-7126 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
tesB	16128437	NP_414986	*Escherichia coli*
acot8	3191970	CAA15502	*Homo sapiens*
acot8	51036669	NP_570112	*Rattus norvegicus*
tesA	16128478	NP_415027	*Escherichia coli*
ybgC	16128711	NP_415264	*Escherichia coli*
paaI	16129357	NP_415914	*Escherichia coli*
ybdB	16128580	NP_415129	*Escherichia coli*

[0618] Yet another candidate hydrolase is the glutaconate CoA-transferase from *Acidaminococcus fermentans*. This enzyme was transformed by site-directed mutagenesis into an acyl-CoA hydrolase with activity on glutaryl-CoA, acetyl-CoA and 3-butenoyl-CoA (Mack et al., *FEBS. Lett.* 405:209-212 (1997)). This suggests that the enzymes encoding succinyl-CoA:3-ketoacid-CoA transferases and acetoacetyl-CoA:acetyl-CoA transferases may also serve as candidates for this reaction step but would require certain mutations to change their function.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
gctA	559392	CAA57199	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*
gctB	559393	CAA57200	*Acidaminococcus fermentans*

[0619] 4.1.1.a Carboxy-lyase—The decarboxylation reactions of homolysine to HMDA (FIG. **20**, Step H; FIG. **21**, Step S; FIG. **22**, Step E; FIG. **26**, Step H),2-aminopimelate to 6-ACA (FIG. **20**, Step J, FIG. **21**, Step AA and FIG. **26**, Step E),2,7-diaminosubarate to homolysine (FIG. **26**, Step L), 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal (FIG. **26**, Step B; FIG. **22**, Step F) and 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate (FIG. **26**, Step I) are catalyzed by amino acid decarboxylase enzymes. Lysine decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.18) catalyzes a similar transformation: the decarboxylation of lysine to form cadaverine. Two isozymes of this enzyme are encoded in the *E. coli* genome by genes cadA and ldcC. CadA is involved in acid resistance and is subject to positive regulation by the cadC gene product (Lemonnier et al., *Microbiology* 144 (Pt 3):751-760 (1998)). CadC accepts hydroxylysine and S-aminoethylcysteine as alternate substrates, but 2-Aminopimelate and 6-ACA act as competitive inhibitors to this enzyme (Sabo et al., *Biochemistry* 13:662-670 (1974)). Directed evolution or other enzyme engineering methods may be required for this enzyme to decarboxylate 2-aminopimelate. The constitutively expressed ldc gene product is less active than CadA (Lemonnier et al., *Microbiology* 144 (Pt 3):751-760 (1998)). A lysine decarboxylase analogous to CadA was recently identified in *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Tanaka, et al., *J Appl Microbiol* 104:1283-1293 (2008)). The lysine decarboxylase from *Selenomonas ruminantium*, encoded by ldc, bears sequence similarity to eukaryotic ornithine decarboxylases, and accepts both L-lysine and L-orni-

thine as substrates (Takatsuka et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem.* 63:1843-1846 (1999)). Active site residues were identified and engineered to alter the substrate specificity of the enzyme (Takatsuka et al., *J Bacteriol.* 182:6732-6741 (2000)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
cadA	145458	AAA23536.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldcC	1786384	AAC73297.1	*Escherichia coli*
ldc	13124043	O50657.1	*Selenomonas ruminantium*
cadA	44886078	AB124819.1	*Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

[0620] Several ornithine decarboxylase enzymes (EC 4.1.1.17) exhibit activity on lysine and other similar compounds. Such enzymes are found in *Nicotiana glutinosa* (Lee et al., *Biochem. J* 360:657-665 (2001)), *Lactobacillus* sp. 30a (Guirard et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 255:5960-5964 (1980)) and *Vibrio* vulnificus (Lee et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 282:27115-27125 (2007)). The enzymes from *Lactobacillus* sp. 30a (Momany et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 252:643-655 (1995)) and *V. vulnificus* have been crystallized. The *V. vulnificus* enzyme efficiently catalyzes lysine decarboxylation and the residues involved in substrate specificity have been elucidated (Lee et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 282:27115-27125 (2007)). A similar enzyme has been characterized in *Trichomonas vaginalis* but the gene encoding this enzyme is not known (Yarlett et al., *Biochem. J* 293 (Pt 2):487-493 (1993)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	*Organism*
AF323910.1:1 . . . 1299	12007488	AAG45222.1	*Nicotiana glutinosa*
odc1	1169251	P43099.2	*Lactobacillus* sp. 30a
VV2_1235	27367615	NP_763142.1	*Vibrio vulnificus*

[0621] Keto-acid decarboxylase enzymes are required to convert 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate to 6-aminohexanal (Step F of FIG. **22**; Step G of FIG. **26**) and 2-amino-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate (Step A of FIG. **26**). The decarboxylation of keto-acids is catalyzed by a variety of enzymes with varied substrate specificities, including pyruvate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.1), benzoylformate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.7), alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase and branched-chain alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase. Pyruvate decarboxylase (PDC), also termed keto-acid decarboxylase, is a key enzyme in alcoholic fermentation, catalyzing the decarboxylation of pyruvate to acetaldehyde. The enzyme from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has a broad substrate range for aliphatic 2-keto acids including 2-ketobutyrate, 2-ketovalerate, 3-hydroxypyruvate and 2-phenylpyruvate (Henning et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 72:7510-7517 (2006)). This enzyme has been extensively studied, engineered for altered activity, and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Killenberg-Jabs et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 268:1698-1704 (2001); L1, H. and F. Jordan, Biochemistry. 38:10004-10012 (1999); and ter Schure et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 64:1303-1307 (1998)). The PDC from *Zymomonas mobilus*, encoded by pdc, also has a broad substrate range and has been a subject of directed engineering studies to alter the affinity for different substrates (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)). The crystal structure of this enzyme is available (Killenberg-Jabs et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 268:1698-1704 (2001)). Other well-characterized PDC candidates include the enzymes from *Acetobacter pasteurians* (Chandra et al., *Arch. Microbiol.* 176:443-451 (2001)) and *Kluyveromyces lactis* (Krieger et al., *Eur. J. Biochem.* 269:3256-3263 (2002)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pdc	118391	P06672.1	*Zymomonas mobilus*
pdc1	30923172	P06169	*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
pdc	20385191	AM21208	*Acetobacter pasteurians*
pdc1	52788279	Q12629	*Kluyveromyces lactis*

[0622] Like PDC, benzoylformate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.7) has a broad substrate range and has been the target of enzyme engineering studies. The enzyme from *Pseudomonas putida* has been extensively studied and crystal structures of this enzyme are available (Hasson et al., *Biochemistry* 37:9918-9930 (1998); and Polovnikova et al., *Biochemistry* 42:1820-1830 (2003)). Site-directed mutagenesis of two residues in the active site of the *Pseudomonas putida* enzyme altered the affinity (Km) of naturally and non-naturally occurring substrates (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)). The properties of this enzyme have been further modified by directed engineering (Lingen et al., *Protein Eng* 15:585-593 (2002); and Lingen et al., *Chembiochem.* 4:721-726 (2003)). The enzyme from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, encoded by mdlC, has also been characterized experimentally (Barrowman et al., *FEMS Microbiology Letters* 34:57-60 (1986)). Additional gene candidates from *Pseudomonas stutzeri, Pseudomonas fluorescens* and other organisms can be inferred by sequence homology or identified using a growth selection system developed in *Pseudomonas putida* (Henning et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* 72:7510-7517 (2006)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
mdlC	3915757	P20906.2	*Pseudomonas putida*
mdlC	81539678	Q9HUR2.1	*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
dpgB	126202187	ABN80423.1	*Pseudomonas stutzeri*
ilvB-1	70730840	YP_260581.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*

[0623] A third enzyme capable of decarboxylating 2-oxoacids is alpha-ketoglutarate decarboxylase (KGD). The substrate range of this class of enzymes has not been studied to date. The KDC from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Tian et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S. A* 102:10670-10675 (2005)) has been cloned and functionally expressed in other internal projects at Genomatica. However, it is not an ideal candidate for strain engineering because it is large (~130 kD) and GC-rich. KDC enzyme activity has been detected in several species of *rhizobia* including *Bradyrhizobium japonicum* and *Mesorhizobium loti* (Green et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 182:2838-2844 (2000)). Although the KDC-encoding gene(s) have not been isolated in these organisms, the genome sequences are available and several genes in each genome are annotated as putative KDCs. A KDC from *Euglena gracilis* has also been characterized but the gene associated with this activity has not

been identified to date (Shigeoka and Nakano, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 288:22-28 (1991)). The first twenty amino acids starting from the N-terminus were sequenced MTYKAPVKDVKFLLDKVFKV (SEQ ID NO:) (Shigeoka and Nakano, *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 288:22-28 (1991)). The gene could be identified by testing candidate genes containing this N-terminal sequence for KDC activity.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kgd	160395583	O50463.4	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
kgd	27375563	NP_767092.1	*Bradyrhizobium japonicum*
kgd	13473636	NP_105204.1	*Mesorhizobium loti*

[0624] A fourth candidate enzyme for catalyzing this reaction is branched chain alpha-ketoacid decarboxylase (BCKA). This class of enzyme has been shown to act on a variety of compounds varying in chain length from 3 to 6 carbons (Oku and Kaneda, *J Biol Chem.* 263:18386-18396 (1988); and Smit et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 71:303-311 (2005)). The enzyme in *Lactococcus lactis* has been characterized on a variety of branched and linear substrates including 2-oxobutanoate, 2-oxohexanoate, 2-oxopentanoate, 3-methyl-2-oxobutanoate, 4-methyl-2-oxobutanoate and isocaproate isocaproate (Smit et al., *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 71:303-311 (2005)). The enzyme has been structurally characterized (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)). Sequence alignments between the *Lactococcus* lactis enzyme and the pyruvate decarboxylase of *Zymomonas mobilus* indicate that the catalytic and substrate recognition residues are nearly identical (Siegert et al., *Protein Eng Des Sel* 18:345-357 (2005)), so this enzyme would be a promising candidate for directed engineering Decarboxylation of alpha-ketoglutarate by a BCKA was detected in *Bacillus subtilis*; however, this activity was low (5%) relative to activity on other branched-chain substrates (Oku and Kaneda, *J Biol Chem.* 263:18386-18396 (1988)) and the gene encoding this enzyme has not been identified to date. Additional BCKA gene candidates can be identified by homology to the *Lactococcus lactis* protein sequence. Many of the high-scoring BLASTp hits to this enzyme are annotated as indolepyruvate decarboxylases (EC 4.1.1.74). Indolepyruvate decarboxylase (IPDA) is an enzyme that catalyzes the decarboxylation of indolepyruvate to indoleacetaldehyde in plants and plant bacteria.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kdcA	44921617	AAS49166.1	*Lactococcus lactis*

[0625] Recombinant branched chain alpha-keto acid decarboxylase enzymes derived from the E1 subunits of the mitochondrial branched-chain keto acid dehydrogenase complex from *Homo sapiens* and *Bos taurus* have been cloned and functionally expressed in *E. coli* (Davie et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:16601-16606 (1992); Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:1881-1887 (1992); and Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:12400-12403 (1992)). In these studies, the authors found that co-expression of chaperonins GroEL and GroES enhanced the specific activity of the decarboxylase by 500-fold (Wynn et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:12400-12403 (1992)). These enzymes are composed of two alpha and two beta subunits.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
BCKDHB	34101272	NP_898871.1	*Homo sapiens*
BCKDHA	11386135	NP_000700.1	*Homo sapiens*
BCKDHB	115502434	P21839	*Bos taurus*
BCKDHA	129030	P11178	*Bos taurus*

[0626] 4.1.2.a The condensation of pyruvate with 4-aminobutanal (FIG. **22**, Step A) or glutamate-5-semialdehyde (FIG. **27**, Step A) is catalyzed by an aldehyde lyase in the EC class 4.1.2. A variety of aldehyde lyase enzymes utilize pyruvate as an acceptor; however, none have been demonstrated to utilize 4-aminobutanal or glutamate-5-semialdehyde as a donor. The enzyme 4-hydroxy-2-oxopimelate (HODH) aldolase (EC 4.1.2.-), condenses succinic semialdehyde and pyruvate to catalyze the formation of 4-hydroxy-2-oxopimelate. This enzyme is a divalent metal ion-dependent class II aldolase, catalyzing the final step of 4-hydroxyphenylacetic acid degradation in *E. coli* C, *E. coli* W, and other organisms. In the native context, the enzyme functions in the degradative direction. The reverse (condensation) reaction is thermodynamically unfavorable; however the equilibrium can be shifted through coupling HODH aldolase with downstream pathway enzymes that work efficiently on reaction products. Such strategies have been effective for shifting the equilibrium of other aldolases in the condensation direction (Nagata et al., *Appl Microbiol Biotechnol* 44:432-438 (1995); and Pollard et al., *Appl Environ. Microbiol* 64:4093-4094 (1998)). The *E. coli* C enzyme, encoded by hpcH, is able to condense a range of aldehyde acceptors with pyruvate and has recently been crystallized (Rea et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 373:866-876 (2007); and Stringfellow et al., *Gene* 166:73-76 (1995)). The *E. coli* W enzyme is encoded by hpal (Prieto et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:111-120 (1996)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hpcH	633197	CAA87759.1	*Escherichia coli* C
hpaI	38112625	AAR11360.1	*Escherichia coli* W

[0627] Another pyruvate-utilizing aldehyde lyase is 2-dehydro-3-deoxyglucarate aldolase (DDGA, EC 4.1.2.20), a type II aldolase that participates in the catabolic pathway for D-glucarate/galactarate utilization in *E. coli*. The natural donor of this enzyme is tartronate semialdehyde, but this enzyme has a broad substrate specificity and has been shown to reversibly condense a wide range of aldehydes with pyruvate (Fish et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 9:529-534 (1966)). The crystal structure of this enzyme has been determined and a catalytic mechanism proposed (Izard et al., *EMBO J* 19:3849-3856 (2000)). Additional candidate DDGA enzymes are found in *Leptospira interrogans* (118) and *Sulfolobus solfataricus* (Buchanan et al., *Biochem. J* 343 Pt 3:563-570 (1999)). The *S. solfataricus* enzyme is highly thermostable and was cloned and expressed in *E. coli* (Buchanan et al., *Biochem. J* 343 Pt 3:563-570 (1999)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
garL	1176153	P23522.2	*Escherichia coli*
LA_1624	24195249	AAN48823.1	*Leptospira interrogans*
AJ224174.1:1..885	2879782	CAA11866.1	*Sulfolobus solfataricus*

[0628] 4.2.1.a Hydro-lyase—Two reactions in FIGS. **20** and **22** employ enzymes in the dehydratase class (EC 4.1.2). The dehydration of 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **20**, Step D) is catalyzed by an enoyl-CoA hydratase. This reaction is not known to occur naturally; however the ability to dehydrate 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA derivatives is widespread. Enoyl-CoA hydratases (EC 4.2.1.17) catalyze the dehydration of a range of 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA substrates (Agnihotri et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* 11:9-20 (2003; Conrad et al., *J Bacteriol.* 118:103-111 (1974) and Roberts et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 117:99-108 (1978)). The enoyl-CoA hydratase of *Pseudomonas putida*, encoded by ech, catalyzes the conversion of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA (Roberts et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 117:99-108 (1978)). Additional enoyl-CoA hydratase candidates are phaA and phaB, of *P. putida*, and paaA and paaB from *P. fluorescens* (Olivera et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci U.S. A* 95:6419-6424 (1998)). The gene product of pimF in *Rhodopseudomonas* palustris is predicted to encode an enoyl-CoA hydratase that participates in pimeloyl-CoA degradation (Harrison et al., *Microbiology* 151:727-736 (2005)). Lastly, a number of *Escherichia coli* genes have been shown to demonstrate enoyl-CoA hydratase functionality including maoC (Park et al., *J Bacteriol.* 185:5391-5397. 2003), paaF (Ismail et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003); Park et al., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116:335-346 (2004) and (Park et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)) and paaG (Park et al., *J Bacteriol.* 185:5391-5397. 2003), paaF (Ismail et al., *Eur. J Biochem.* 270:3047-3054 (2003); Park et al., *Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol* 113-116: 335-346 (2004) and (Park et al., *Biotechnol Bioeng* 86:681-686 (2004)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
ech	26990073	NP_745498.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaA	26990002	NP_745427.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
paaB	26990001	NP_745426.1	*Pseudomonas putida*
phaA	106636093	ABF82233.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
phaB	106636094	ABF82234.1	*Pseudomonas fluorescens*
pimF	39650635	CAE29158	*Rhodopseudomonas palustris*
maoC	16129348	NP_415905.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaF	16129354	NP_415911.1	*Escherichia coli*
paaG	16129355	NP_415912.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0629] 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydratase (EC 4.2.1.55), also called crotonase, is an enoyl-CoA hydratase that dehydrates 3-hydroxyisobutyryl-CoA to form crotonyl-CoA. Crotonase enzymes are required for n-butanol formation in some organisms, particularly *Clostridial* species, and also comprise one step of the 3-hydroxypropionate/4-hydroxybutyrate cycle in thermoacidophilic Archaea of the genera *Sulfolobus, Acidianus*, and *Metallosphaera*. Exemplary genes encoding crotonase enzymes can be found in *C. acetobutylicum* (Atsumi et al., *Metab Eng.* 10:305-311 (2008); and Boynton et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:3015-3024 (1996)), *C. kluyveri* (Hillmer et al., *FEBS Lett.* 21:351-354. 1972)), and *Metallosphaera sedula* (Berg et al., *Science.* 318:1782-1786 (2007)) though the sequence of the latter gene is not known.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
crt	15895969	NP_349318.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
crt1	153953091	YP_001393856.1	*Clostridium kluyveri*

[0630] Alternatively, the *E. coli* gene products of fadA and fadB encode a multienzyme complex involved in fatty acid oxidation that exhibits enoyl-CoA hydratase activity (Nakahigashi et al., *Nucleic Acids Res.* 18:4937 (1990); Yang et al., *J Bacteriol.* 173:7405-7406 (1991) and Yang et al., *Biochemistry* 30:6788-6795 (1991)). Knocking out a negative regulator encoded by fadR can be utilized to activate the fadB gene product (Sato et al., *J Biosci.Bioeng* 103:38-44 (2007)). The fadI and fadJ genes encode similar functions and are naturally expressed under anaerobic conditions (Campbell et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 47:793-805 (2003)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fadA	49176430	YP_026272.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadB	16131692	NP_418288.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadI	16130275	NP_416844.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadJ	16130274	NP_416843.1	*Escherichia coli*
fadR	16129150	NP_415705.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0631] 2-Oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate is formed from the dehydration of 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate (FIG. **22**, Step B). The dehydration of 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate to 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate (FIG. **27**, Step B) is a similar transformation. Enzymes catalyzing these exact reactions are not known to occur naturally. A candidate enzyme that catalyzes a similar reaction is OHED hydratase, which naturally dehydrates 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-hepta-1,7-dioate (HODH) to 2-oxo-hept-4-ene-1,7-dioate (OHED). HODH is similar in structure to the desired substrates. This enzyme requires magnesium as a cofactor (Burks et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 120 (1998)). OHED hydratase enzyme candidates have been identified and characterized in *E. coli* C (Izumi et al., *J Mol. Biol.* 370:899-911 (2007; and Roper et al., *Gene* 156:47-51 (1995)) and *E. coli* W (Prieto et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:111-120 (1996)). Sequence comparison reveals homologs in a range of bacteria, plants and animals. Enzymes with highly similar sequences are contained in *Klebsiella pneumonia* (91% identity, evalue=2e-138) and *Salmonella enterica* (91% identity, evalue=4e-138), among others.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
hpcG	556840	CAA57202.1	*Escherichia coli* C
hpaH	757830	CAA86044.1	*Escherichia coli* W
hpaH	150958100	ABR80130.1	*Klebsiella pneumoniae*
Sari_01896	160865156	ABX21779.1	*Salmonella enterica*

[0632] An alternate enzyme candidate for catalyzing this reaction is fumarase, also known as fumarate hydratase (EC 4.2.1.2). *E. coli* has three fumarases: FumA, FumB, and FumC that are regulated by growth conditions. FumB is oxygen sensitive and only active under anaerobic conditions. FumA is active under microanaerobic conditions, and FumC is the only active enzyme in aerobic growth (Guest et al., *J Gen Microbiol.* 131:2971-2984 (1985); Tseng et al., *J Bacteriol* 183:461-467 (2001) and Woods et al., *Biochim Biophys Acta* 954:14-26 (1988)). FumC has been shown to dehydrate alternate substrates including tartrate and threo-hydroxyaspartate (Teipel et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 243:5684-5694 (1968)). A wealth of structural information is available for FumC and researchers have successfully engineered the enzyme to alter activity, inhibition and localization (Weaver et al., *D Biol Crystallogr.* 61:1395-1401 (2005)). Additional fumarate hydratase enzymes are found in *Escherichia coli* (Estevez et al., *Protein Sci* 11:1552-1557 (2002); Hong,et al., *Biotechnol. Bioprocess Eng.* 9:252-255 (2005)) and Rose et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S. A* 101:3393-3397 (2004)), *Corynebacterium glutamicum* (Genda et al., *Biotechnol Biochem.* 70:1102-1109 (2006)), *Campylobacter jejuni* (Smith et al., *Cell Biol* 31:961-975 (1999)), *Therms thermophilus* (Mizobata et al., *Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 355:49-55 (1998)), and *Rattus norvegicus* (Kobayashi et al., *J Biochem.* 89:1923-1931 (1981)). The MmcBC fumarase from *Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum* is another class of fumarase with two subunits (Shimoyama et al., *FEMS Microbiol Lett* 270:207-213 (2007)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
fumA	81175318	P0AC33	*Escherichia coli* K12
fumB	33112655	P14407	*Escherichia coli* K12
fumC	120601	P05042.1	*Escherichia coli* K12
fumC	39931596	Q8NRN8.1	*Corynebacterium glutamicum*
fumC	9789756	O69294.1	*Campylobacter jejuni*
fumC	75427690	P84127	*Thermus thermophilus*
fumH	120605	P14408.1	*Rattus norvegicus*
MmcB	147677691	YP_001211906	*Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum*
MmcC	147677692	YP_001211907	*Pelotomaculum thermopropionicum*

[0633] Another enzyme candidate is citramalate hydrolyase (EC 4.2.1.34), an enzyme that naturally dehydrates 2-methylmalate to mesaconate. This enzyme has been studied in *Methanocaldococcus jannaschii* in the context of the pyruvate pathway to 2-oxobutanoate, where it has been shown to have a broad substrate specificity (Drevland et al., *J Bacteriol.* 189:4391-4400 (2007)). This enzyme activity was also detected in *Clostridium tetanomorphum, Morganella morganii, Citrobacter amalonaticus* where it is thought to participate in glutamate degradation (Kato et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 168:457-463 1997)). The *M. jannaschii* protein sequence does not bear significant homology to genes in these organisms.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
leuD	3122345	Q58673.1	*Methanocaldococcus jannaschii*

[0634] 5.4.3.a Aminomutase—Several reactions in FIG. **21** involve shifting a secondary amine from the 3- to the 2-position (FIG. **21**, Steps P, R, T). A promising enzyme candidate for catalyzing these transformations is lysine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.2), an enzyme that naturally converts lysine to (3S)-3,6-diaminohexanoate, reversibly shifting an amine group from the 2- to the 3-position. The enzyme is found in bacteria that ferment lysine to acetate and butyrate, including *Fusobacterium nucleatum* (kamA) (Barker et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 152:201-207 (1982)) and *Clostridium subterminale* (kamA) (Chirpich et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 245:1778-1789 (1970)). The enzyme from *Clostridium subterminale* has been crystallized (117). An enzyme encoding this function is also encoded by yodO in *Bacillus subtilis* (Chen et al., *Biochem. J.* 348 Pt 3:539-549 (2000)). The enzyme utilizes pyridoxal 5'-phosphate as a cofactor, requires activation by S-adenosylmethoionine, and is stereoselective for L-lysine. The enzyme has not been shown to react with alternate substrates, so directed evolution or other engineering methods may be required for this enzyme to react with the non-natural substrates 3-amino-7-oxohexanoate, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate and 3-aminopimelate. For example, Cargill has developed a novel 2,3-aminomutase enzyme derived from lysine-2,3-aminomutase that converts L-alanine to β-alanine (Liao et al., United States Patent 20050221466 (2005)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
kamA	75423266	Q9XBQ8.1	*Clostridium subterminale*
kamA	81485301	Q8RHX4	*Fusobacterium nucleatum*
yodO	4033499	O34676.1	*Bacillus subtilis*

[0635] Other enzymes with 2,3-aminomutase activity include tyrosine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.6) and leucine 2,3-aminomutase (EC 5.4.3.7). Tyrosine 2,3-aminomutase participates in tyrosine biosynthesis, reversibly converting tyrosine to 3-amino-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-propionoate by shifting an amine from the 2- to the 3-position. In *Streptomyces globisporus* the enzyme has also been shown to react with tyrosine derivatives (Christenson et al., *Biochemistry* 42:12708-12718 (2003)); however, the sequence of this enzyme is not yet available. Leucine 2,3-aminomutase converts L-leucine to beta-leucine during leucine biosynthesis and degradation. A leucine 2,3-aminomutase-specific assay detected enzyme activity in many organisms (Poston et al., *Methods Enzymol.* 166:130-135 (1988)) but genes encoding the enzyme have not been identified to date.

[0636] 6.2.1.a Acid-thiol ligase—The activation of carboxylic acids to acyl-CoA derivatives is catalyzed by CoA acid-thiol ligases or CoA synthetases in the EC class 6.2.1 (the terms ligase, synthetase, and synthase are used herein interchangeably and refer to the same enzyme class). Such enzymes couple the energetic cost of thioester bond formation to the hydrolysis of ATP into ADP or AMP. Several ADP-forming CoA ligases have been demonstrated to react in the reverse direction, removing the CoA moiety from acyl-CoA molecules and concomitantly forming ATP. Reversible CoA ligases are required to de-acylate 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **20**, Step I) and 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA (FIG. **21**, Step B), whereas AMP or ADP forming ligases can acylate 3-oxopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step H), 3-aminopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step K) and 2-aminopimelate (FIG. **21**, Step V). Enzymes cata-

lyzing these exact transformations have not been characterized to date; however, several enzymes with broad substrate specificities have been described in the literature.

[0637] ADP-forming acetyl-CoA synthetase (ACD, EC 6.2.1.13) is an enzyme that couples the conversion of acyl-CoA esters to their corresponding acids with the concomitant synthesis of ATP. ACD I from *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, encoded by AF1211, was shown to operate on a variety of linear and branched-chain substrates including isobutyrate, isopentanoate, and fumarate (Musfeldt et al., *J Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). A second reversible ACD in *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*, encoded by AF1983, was also shown to have a broad substrate range with high activity on cyclic compounds phenylacetate and indoleacetate (Musfeldt et al., *J Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). The enzyme from *Haloarcula marismortui* (annotated as a succinyl-CoA synthetase) accepts propionate, butyrate, and branched-chain acids (isovalerate and isobutyrate) as substrates, and was shown to operate in the forward and reverse directions (Brasen et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004)). The ACD encoded by PAE3250 from hyperthermophilic crenarchaeon *Pyrobaculum aerophilum* showed the broadest substrate range of all characterized ACDs, reacting with acetyl-CoA, isobutyryl-CoA (preferred substrate) and phenylacetyl-CoA (Brasen et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004)). Directed evolution or engineering can be used to modify this enzyme to operate at the physiological temperature of the host organism. The enzymes from *A. fulgidus, H. marismortui* and *P. aerophilum* have all been cloned, functionally expressed, and characterized in *E. coli* (Brasen et al., *Arch. Microbiol* 182:277-287 (2004); and Musfeldt et al., *J Bacteriol.* 184:636-644 (2002)). An additional candidate is the enzyme encoded by sucCD in *E. coli*, which naturally catalyzes the formation of succinyl-CoA from succinate with the concomitant consumption of one ATP, a reaction which is reversible in vivo (Buck et al., *Biochemistry* 24:6245-6252 (1985)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
AF1211	11498810	NP_070039.1	*Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304
AF1983	11499565	NP_070807.1	*Archaeoglobus fulgidus* DSM 4304
scs	55377722	YP_135572.1	*Haloarcula marismortui*
PAE3250	18313937	NP_560604.1	*Pyrobaculum aerophilum* str. IM2
sucC	16128703	NP_415256.1	*Escherichia coli*
sucD	1786949	AAC73823.1	*Escherichia coli*

[0638] Another candidate enzyme is the AMP-forming pimeloyl-CoA ligase (EC 6.2.1.14) which naturally activates pimelate to pimeloyl-CoA during biotin biosynthesis in gram-positive bacteria. The enzyme from *Pseudomonas mendocina*, cloned into *E. coli*, was shown to accept the alternate substrates hexanedioate and nonanedioate (Binieda et al., *Biochem. J* 340 (Pt 3):793-801 (1999)). Other pimeloyl-CoA ligase candidates are found in *Bacillus subtilis* (Bower et al., *J Bacteriol.* 178:4122-4130 (1996)) and *Lysinibacillus sphaericus* (formerly *Bacillus sphaericus*) (Ploux et al., *Biochem. J* 287 (Pt 3):685-690 (1992)).

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
pauA	15596214	NP_249708.1	*Pseudomonas mendocina*
bioW	50812281	NP_390902.2	*Bacillus subtilis*
bioW	115012	P22822.1	*Lysinibacillus sphaericus*

[0639] Additional CoA-ligases include the rat dicarboxylate-CoA ligase for which the sequence is yet uncharacterized (Vamecq et al., *Biochem J* 230:683-693 (1985)), either of the two characterized phenylacetate-CoA ligases from *P. chrysogenum* (Lamas-et al., Maceiras, J 395:147-155 (2006); and Wang et al., *Biophys. Res. Commun.* 360:453-458 (2007)) and the phenylacetate-CoA ligase from *Pseudomonas putida* (Martinez-Blanco et al., *J Biol. Chem.* 265:7084-7090 (1990)). Acetoacetyl-CoA synthetases from *Mus musculus* (Hasegawa et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 1779:414-419 (2008)) and *Homo sapiens* (Ohgami et al., *Biochem. Pharmacol.* 65:989-994 (2003)) naturally catalyze the ATP-dependant conversion of acetoacetate into acetoacetyl-CoA.

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
phl	77019264	CAJ15517.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
phlB	152002983	ABS19624.1	*Penicillium chrysogenum*
paaF	22711873	AAC24333.2	*Pseudomonas putida*
AACS	21313520	NP_084486.1	*Mus musculus*
AACS	31982927	NP_076417.2	*Homo sapiens*

Example XXVII

Addtitional Pathways for Production of Hexamethylenediamine from 6-Aminocaproate

[0640] FIG. **24** provides additional pathways for HMDA production and is further to FIG. **13** and Example XX above. Arrows for Steps O and P indicate the direct conversion of 6-aminocaproate and 6-acetamidohexanoate to 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde and 6-acetamidohexanal, respectively. These reactions are catalyzed by a reductase in EC class 1.2.1.e. For a description of enzyme candidates, see Example XXVI (EC 1.2.1.e).

Example XXVIII

Pathways for Production of 6-Aminocaproate from Adipate

[0641] FIG. **25** provides additional pathways for 6-ACA production and is further to FIG. **10** and Example XVI above. The conversion of adipate to adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **25**, Step X) is catalyzed by an enzyme with adipate reductase functionality. Adipate kinase catalyzes the formation of adipylphosphate from adipate (FIG. **25**, Step Y). Adipate semialdehyde is formed from adipylphosphate by adipylphosphate reductase (FIG. **25**, Step Z). Enzyme candidates for catalyzing these transformations are described in Example XXVI.

Example XXIX

Pathway for Production of Levulinic Acid

[0642] Levulinic acid (LA), also known as 4-oxopentanoic acid and 4-ketovaleric acid, is a precursor to nylon-like poly-

mers, synthetic rubbers and plastics. It is also a precursor of other commodity chemicals such as methyltetrahydrofuran, valerolactone and ethyl levulinate. Other potential applications include use as a fuel extender and a biodegradable herbicide/pesticide. It is traditionally prepared by treating cellulosic biomass with strong acids such as hydrochloric and sulfuric acids. This process has the disadvantages of low LA yield and numerous byproducts. More recently, the Biofine Process was developed which converts cellulosic biomass into LA, formic acid and furfural at a yield of 70% the theoretical maximum (Hayes et al., "The biofine process—production of levulinic acid, furfural and formic acid from lignocellulosic feedstock" p. 139-164. In Biorefineries: Industrial Processes and Products. Wiley, Weinheim, Germany (2006)). Described herein is a process for selectively producing LA from sugar or syngas feedstocks using a microbial organism.

[0643] The maximum theoretical yield of LA from glucose is 1.45 moles of LA per mole glucose utilized (0.938 g/g), according to the following equation: Glucose ($C_6H_{12}O_2$)+1.27 CO_2→1.45 LA ($C_5H_8O_3$)+0.18H_2O

[0644] LA is produced from the central metabolites succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA in three enzymatic steps. In the first step, acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA are condensed by a beta-ketothiolase to form 3-oxoadipyl-CoA (Step A of FIG. **25**). The CoA moiety is subsequently removed by a CoA hydrolase, transferase or ligase (Steps E/F/G of FIG. **25**). In the final step of the pathway, 3-oxoadipate is decarboxylated to LA (Step AA of FIG. **25**).

[0645] The decarboxylation of 3-oxoadipate to LA can occur enzymatically or spontaneously. In *E. coli*, several 3-oxoacids produced during amino acid biosynthesis have been shown to undergo spontaneous decarboxylation (Boylan et al., *Biochem. Biophys. Res Commun.* 85:190-197 (1978)). An enzyme catalyzing the decarboxylation of 3-oxoadipate to LA has not been demonstrated to our knowledge. An exemplary enzyme candidate catalyzing a similar reaction is acetoacetate decarboxylase (EC 4.1.1.4). The acetoacetate decarboxylase from *Clostridium acetobutylicum*, encoded by adc, has a broad substrate specificity and has been shown to decarboxylate 3-oxopentanoate, 2-oxo-3-phenylpropionic acid and 2-methyl-3-oxobutyrate (Benner et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 103:993-994 (1981) and Rozzel et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 106:4937-4941 (1984)). An acetoacetate decarboylase has also been characterized in *Clostridium beijerinckii* (Ravagnani et al., *Mol. Microbiol* 37:1172-1185 (2000)). The acetoacetate decarboxylase from *Bacillus polymyxa*, characterized in cell-free extracts, also has a broad substrate specificity for 3-keto acids and can decarboxylate 3-oxopentanoate (Matiasek et al., *Curr. Microbiol* 42:276-281 (2001)). The gene encoding this enzyme has not been identified to date and the genome sequence of *B. polymyxa* is not yet available. Another adc is found in *Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum* (Kosaka, et al., *Biosci. Biotechnol Biochem.* 71:58-68 (2007)).

Example XXX

In Silico Knockout Strategies for Production of Adipate, 6-ACA and HMDA

[0646] This example describes gene disruption strategies for production of adipate 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) and hexamethylenediamine (HMDA).

[0647] Described below in more detail are sets of enzymatic activities that can be reduced by appropriate gene disruptions or deletions in a production host engineered to contain the adipate, 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) and hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) production pathways, for example, pathways using succinyl CoA and acetyl CoA as precursors.

[0648] OptKnock is a bilevel computational framework formulated with the overall objective of developing genetically stable overproducing microorganisms. Specifically, the framework examines the complete network of a microorganism in order to suggest genetic manipulations that force the desired biochemical to become an obligatory byproduct of cell growth. By coupling biochemical production with cell growth through strategically placed gene disruptions or deletions, the growth selection pressures imposed on the engineered strains after long periods of time in a bioreactor lead to improvements in performance as a result of the compulsory growth-coupled biochemical production. Lastly, in the case of a gene deletion, there is negligible possibility of the designed strains reverting to their wild-type states because the genes selected by OptKnock are completely removed from the genome.

[0649] Growth-coupled biochemical production can be visualized in the context of the biochemical production envelopes of a typical metabolic network calculated using an in silico model. These limits are obtained by fixing the uptake rate(s) of the limiting substrate(s) to their experimentally measured value(s) and calculating the maximum and minimum rates of biochemical production at each attainable level of growth. Although exceptions exist, typically the production of a desired biochemical is in direct competition with biomass formation for intracellular resources. Thus, enhanced rates of biochemical production will generally result in sub-maximal growth rates. The knockouts suggested by OptKnock are designed to restrict the allowable solution boundaries forcing a change in metabolic behavior from the wild-type strain. Although the actual solution boundaries for a given strain will expand or contract as the substrate uptake rate(s) increase or decrease, each experimental point should lie within its calculated solution boundary. Plots such as these allow visualization of how close strains are to their performance limits or, in other words, how much room is available for improvement. The OptKnock framework has been used to identify promising gene deletion strategies for biochemical overproduction and establishes a systematic framework that

Gene name	GI#	GenBank Accession #	Organism
adc	15004868	NP_149328.1	*Clostridium acetobutylicum*
adc	31075386	AAP42566.1	*Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum*
cbei_3835	150018652	YP_001310906.1	*Clostridium beijerinckii*

will naturally encompass future improvements in metabolic and regulatory modeling frameworks.

[0650] Described below are sets of enzyme activities that should be absent, attenuated, or eliminated for creating host organisms that achieve growth-coupled adipate, 6-ACA or HMDA production upon the addition of the biosynthetic pathway that proceeds through succinyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA. To enumerate all potential strategies, an optimization technique, termed integer cuts, has been implemented which entails iteratively solving the OptKnock problem with the incorporation of an additional constraint referred to as an integer cut at each iteration.

[0651] The OptKnock algorithm was used to identify designs based on a stoichiometric model of *Escherichia coli* metabolism. Assumptions include (i) a glucose uptake rate of 10 mmol/gdw/hr; (ii) anaerobic or microaerobic conditions; and (iii) a minimum non-growth associated maintenance requirement of 4 mmol/gdw/hr. Table 12 provides a list of all the reaction stoichiometries and the associated genes known to be associated with the reactions identified for deletion in the strategies. Table 13 provides a list of the metabolite abbreviations, the corresponding names and locations of all the metabolites that participate in the reactions listed in Table 12. The growth-coupled productions designs for adipic acid, GACA and HMDA are provided in Tables 14-16. The product formation rates shown in Tables 14-16 are in mmol/gDCW hr. The basis glucose uptake rate is 10 mmol/gDCW hr and the biomass formation rate is shown in units of 1/hr. These tables list the reactions that are knocked out in a particular strategy, the anticipated product and biomass yields. Although the designs were identified using a metabolic model of *E. coli* metabolism, and the gene names listed are specific to *E. coli*, the method of choosing the metabolic engineering strategies and also the designs themselves are applicable to any HMDA, 6-ACA or adipate-producing organism. Thus the designs are essentially lists of enzymatic transformations whose activity is to be either eliminated, attenuated, or initially absent from a microorganism to provide the growth coupled production of adipate, 6ACA and HMDA.

[0652] The key criterion for prioritizing the final selection of designs was the growth-coupled yield of each of the products. To examine this, production cones were constructed for each strategy by first maximizing and, subsequently minimizing the product yields at different rates of biomass formation, as described above. If the rightmost boundary of all possible phenotypes of the mutant network is a single point, it implies that there is a unique optimum yield of the product at the maximum biomass formation rate possible in the network. In other cases, the rightmost boundary of the feasible phenotypes is a vertical line, indicating that at the point of maximum biomass the network can make any amount of the product in the calculated range, including the lowest amount at the bottommost point of the vertical line. Such designs were given a lower priority.

[0653] The metabolic engineering strategies described below assume that the organism can produce adipate, 6-ACA or HMDA via the succinyl CoA and acetyl-CoA utilizing pathway. The construction of a recombinant host organism capable of producing these products via the pathway is described herein.

[0654] Strain construction: In order to validate the computational predictions proposed in this report, the strains are constructed, evolved, and tested. *Escherichia coli* K-12 MG1655 housing the succinyl-CoA-acetyl-CoA pathway serves as the strain into which the deletions are introduced. The strains are constructed by incorporating in-frame deletions using homologous recombination via the λ Red recombinase system of Datsenko and Wanner (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 97(12):6640-6645 2000)). The approach involves replacing a chromosomal sequence, that is, the gene targeted for removal, with a selectable antibiotic resistance gene, which itself is later removed. The knockouts are integrated one by one into the recipient strain. No antibiotic resistance markers remain after each deletion, allowing accumulation of multiple mutations in each target strain. The deletion technology completely removes the gene targeted for removal so as to substantially reduce the possibility of the constructed mutants reverting back to the wild-type.

[0655] Shake flask characterization: As intermediate strains are being constructed, strain performance is quantified by performing shake flask fermentations. Anaerobic conditions are obtained by sealing the flasks with a rubber septum and then sparging the medium with nitrogen. For strains where growth is not observed under strict anaerobic conditions, microaerobic conditions can be applied by covering the flask with foil and poking a small hole for limited aeration. All experiments are performed using M9 minimal medium supplemented with glucose unless otherwise stated. Pre-cultures are grown overnight and used as inoculum for a fresh batch culture for which measurements are taken during exponential growth. The growth rate is determined by measuring optical density using a spectrophotometer (600 nm), and the glucose uptake rate by monitoring carbon source depletion over time. The products, ethanol, and organic acids are analyzed by GC-MS or HPLC using routine procedures. Triplicate cultures are grown for each strain.

[0656] Batch Fermenter Testing: The performance of select strains is tested in anaerobic, pH-controlled batch fermentations. This allows reliable quantification of the growth, glucose uptake, and formation rates of all products, as well as ensure that the accumulation of acidic fermentation products will not limit cell growth. In addition, it allows accurate determination of volumetric productivity and yield of product formation, two of the most important parameters in benchmarking strain performance. Fermentations are carried out in 1-L bioreactors with 600 mL working volume, equipped with temperature and pH control. The reactor is continuously sparged with N_2 at approximately 0.5 L/min to ensure that dissolved oxygen (DO) levels remain below detection levels. The culture medium is the same as described above, except that the glucose concentration is increased in accordance with the higher cell density achievable in a fermentation vessel.

[0657] Chemostat Testing: Chemostat experiments are conducted to obtain a direct measure of how the switch in fermentation mode from batch to continuous affects product yield and volumetric productivity. The bioreactors described above using batch mode are operated in chemostat mode through continuous supply of medium and removal of spent culture. The inlet flow rate is set to maintain a constant dilution rate of 80% of the maximum growth rate observed for each strain in batch, and the outlet flow is controlled to maintain level. Glucose is the limiting nutrient in the medium, and set to achieve the desired optical density in the vessel.

[0658] Adaptive evolution: The knockout strains are initially expected to exhibit suboptimal growth rates until their metabolic networks have adjusted to their missing functionalities. To allow this adjustment, the strains is adaptively evolved. By subjecting the strains to adaptive evolution, cel-

lular growth rate becomes the primary selection pressure and the mutant cells are compelled to reallocate their metabolic fluxes in order to enhance their rates of growth. This reprogramming of metabolism has been recently demonstrated for several *E. coli* mutants that had been adaptively evolved on various substrates to reach the growth rates predicted a priori by an in silico model (Fong and Palsson, *Nat. Genet.* 36(10): 1056-1058 (2004). The OptKnock-generated strains are adaptively evolved in triplicate (running in parallel) due to differences in the evolutionary patterns witnessed previously in *E. coli* (Fong and Palsson, *Nat Genet.* 36(10):1056-1058 (2004); Fong et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 185(21):6400-6408 (2003); Ibarra et al., *Nature* 420(6912):186-189 (2002)) that could potentially result in one strain having superior production qualities over the others. Evolutions are run for a period of 2-6 weeks, depending upon the rate of growth improvement attained. In general, evolutions are stopped once a stable phenotype is obtained. The growth-coupled biochemical production concept behind the OptKnock approach results in the generation of genetically stable overproducers.

[0659] Although described as deletion sets, it is understood, as disclosed herein, that gene sets can be deleted or disrupted so that encoded gene product activities are reduced or eliminated. Thus, the gene deletion sets of Tables 14-16 can be used to delete or disrupt a gene set in a host organism in which an increased production of 6-ACA, adipate and/or HMDA is desired. It is understood that any of the disclosed gene deletion sets can be used to generate knockout strains with disrupted or deleted genes that confer increased production of 6-ACA, adipate and/or HMDA.

TABLE 12

A list of all the reaction stoichiometries and the associated genes known to be associated with the reactions identified for deletion in the strategies listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Reaction Abbreviation	Reaction Name	Reaction Stoichiometry	Associated genes
ACKr	Acetate kinase	[c]: ac + atp <==> actp + adp	(b3115 or b2296 or b1849)
ADHEr	Alcohol dehydrogenase	[c]: accoa + (2) h + (2) nadh <==> coa + etoh + (2) nad	(b0356 or b1478 or b1241)
AKGD	Alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase	[c]: akg + coa + nad --> co2 + nadh + succoa	(b0116 and b0726 and b0727)
ALAR	Alanine racemase	[c]: ala-L <==> ala-D	b4053
ASNS2	Asparagine synthetase	[c]: asp-L + atp + nh4 --> amp + asn-L + h + ppi	b3744
ASPT	L-aspartase	[c]: asp-L --> fum + nh4	b4139
ATPS4r	ATP synthase	adp[c] + (4) h[p] + pi[c] <==> atp[c] + (3) h[c] + h2o[c]	(((b3736 and b3737 and b3738) and (b3731 and b3732 and b3733 and b3734 and b3735)) or ((b3736 and b3737 and b3738) and (b3731 and b3732 and b3733 and b3734 and b3735) and b3739))
CBMK2	Carbamate kinase	[c]: atp + co2 + nh4 --> adp + cbp + (2) h	(b0521 or b0323 or b2874)
DAAD	D-amino acid dehydrogenase	[c]: ala-D + fad + h2o --> fadh2 + nh4 + pyr	b1189
EDA	2-dehydro-3-deoxy-phosphogluconate aldolase	[c]: 2ddg6p --> g3p + pyr	b1850
ENO	Enolase	[c]: 2pg <==> h2o + pep	b2779
FBA	Fructose-bis-phosphate aldolase	[c]: fdp <==> dhap + g3p	(b2097 or b2925 or b1773)
FRD	Fumarate reductase	[c]: fum + mql8 --> mqn8 + succ	(b4151 and b4152 and b4153 and b4154)
FUM	Fumarase	[c]: fum + h2o <==> mal-L	(b1612 or b4122 or b1611)
G5SD	Glutamate-5-semialdehyde dehyrogenase	[c]: glu5p + h + nadph --> glu5sa + nadp + pi	b0243
G6PDHy	Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase	[c]: g6p + nadp <==> 6pgl + h + nadph	b1852
GLCpts	D-glucose transport via PTS mechanism	glc-D[e] + pep[c] --> g6p[c] + pyr[c]	((b2417 and b1101 and b2415 and b2416) or (b1817 and b1818 and b1819 and b2415 and b2416) or (b2417 and b1621 and b2415 and b2416))
GLU5K	Gluatmate-5-kinase	[c]: atp + glu-L --> adp + glu5p	b0242
GLUDy	Glutamate dehydrogenase	[c]: glu-L + h2o + nadp <==> akg + h + nadph + nh4	b1761
HEX1	Hexokinase	[c]: atp + glc-D --> adp + g6p + h	b2388
LDH_D	Lactate dehydrogenase	[c]: lac-D + nad <==> h + nadh + pyr	b1380 or b2133
MDH	Malate dehydrogenase	[c]: mal-L + nad <==> h + nadh + oaa	b3236
ME1x	Malic enzyme (NAD)	[c]: mal-L + nad --> co2 + nadh + pyr	b1479
ME2	Malic enzyme (NADP)	[c]: mal-L + nadp --> co2 + nadph + pyr	b2463
NADH12	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone-8)	[c]: h + nadh + ubq8 --> nad + ubq8h2	b1109

TABLE 12-continued

A list of all the reaction stoichiometries and the associated genes known to be associated with the reactions identified for deletion in the strategies listed in Tables 1 and 2.

Reaction Abbreviation	Reaction Name	Reaction Stoichiometry	Associated genes
NADH6	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone-8 and 3.5 protons)	(4.5) h[c] + nadh[c] + ubq8[c] --> (3.5) h[e] + nad[c] + ubq8h2[c]	(b2276 and b2277 and b2278 and b2279 and b2280 and b2281 and b2282 and b2283 and b2284 and b2285 and b2286 and b2287 and b2288)
PDH	Pyruvate dehydrogenase	[c]: coa + nad + pyr --> accoa + co2 + nadh	((b0114 and b0115 and b0116) or (b0116 and b0726 and b0727) or (b0116 and b2903 and b2904 and b2905))
PFK	Phosphofructokinase	[c]: atp + f6p --> adp + fdp + h	(b3916 or b1723)
PFLi	Pyruvate formate lyase	[c]: coa + pyr --> accoa + for	(((b0902 and b0903) and b2579) or (b0902 and b0903) or (b0902 and b3114) or (b3951 and b3952))
PGDH	Phosphogluconate dehyrogenase	[c]: 6pgc + nadp --> co2 + nadph + ru5p-D	b2029
PGDHY	Phosphogluconate dehydratase	[c]: 6pgc --> 2ddg6p + h2o	b1851
PGI	Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase	[c]: g6p <==> f6p	b4025
PGL	6-Phosphogluconolactonase	[c]: 6pgl + h2o --> 6pgc + h	b0767
PGM	Phosphoglycerate mutase	[c]: 3pg <==> 2pg	b3612
PPC	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase	[c]: co2 + h2o + pep --> h + oaa + pi	b3956
PPCK	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase	[c]: atp + oaa --> adp + co2 + pep	b3403
PRO1z	Proline oxidase	[c]: fad + pro-L --> 1pyr5c + fadh2 + h	b1014
PTAr	Phosphotransacetylase	[c]: accoa + pi <==> actp + coa	b2297
PYK	Pyruvate kinase	[c]: adp + h + pep --> atp + pyr	(b1854 or b1676)
RPE	Ribulose-5-phosphate-5-epimerase	[c]: ru5p-D <==> xu5p-D	(b4301 or b3386)
SUCD4	Succinate dehydrogenase	[c]: fadh2 + ubq8 <==> fad + ubq8h2	(b0721 and b0722 and b0723 and b0724
SUCOAS	Succinyl-CoA synthetase	[c]: atp + coa + succ <==> adp + pi + succoa	(b0728 and b0729)
TAL	Transaldoalse	[c]: g3p + s7p <==> e4p + f6p	(b2464 or b0008)
THD2	NADP transhydrogenase	(2) h[e] + nadh[c] + nadp[c] --> (2) h[c] + nad[c] + nadph[c]	(b1602 and b1603)
THD5	NAD transhydrogenase	[c]: nad + nadph --> nadh + nadp	(b3962 or (b1602 and b1603))
TKT1	Transketolase	[c]: r5p + xu5p-D <==> g3p + s7p	(b2935 or b2465)
TKT2	Transketolase	[c]: e4p + xu5p-D <==> f6p + g3p	(b2935 or b2465)
TPI	Triosephosphate isomerase	[c]: dhap <==> g3p	b3919
VALTA	Valine transaminase	[c]: akg + val-L <==> 3mob + glu-L	b3770

TABLE 13

List of the metabolite abbreviations, the corresponding names and locations of all the metabolites that participate in the reactions listed in Table 12.

Metabolite Abbreviation	Compartment	Metabolite Name
13dpg	Cytosol	3-Phospho-D-glyceroyl phosphate
1pyr5c	Cytosol	1-Pyrroline-5-carboxylate
2ddg6p	Cytosol	2-Dehydro-3-deoxy-D-gluconate 6-phosphate
2pg	Cytosol	D-Glycerate 2-phosphate
3mob	Cytosol	3-Methyl-2-oxobutanoate
3pg	Cytosol	3-Phospho-D-glycerate
6pgc	Cytosol	6-Phospho-D-gluconate
6pgl	Cytosol	6-phospho-D-glucono-1,5-lactone
ac	Cytosol	Acetate
accoa	Cytosol	Acetyl-CoA
actp	Cytosol	Acetyl phosphate
adp	Cytosol	Adenosine diphosphate
akg	Cytosol	2-Oxoglutarate
ala-D	Cytosol	D-alanine

TABLE 13-continued

List of the metabolite abbreviations, the corresponding names and locations of all the metabolites that participate in the reactions listed in Table 12.

Metabolite Abbreviation	Compartment	Metabolite Name
ala-L	Cytosol	L-alanine
amp	Cytosol	Adenosine monophosphate
asn-L	Cytosol	L-asparagine
asp-L	Cytosol	L-aspartate
atp	Cytosol	Adenosine triphosphate
cbp	Cytosol	Carbamoyl phosphate
co2	Cytosol	Carbon dioxide
coa	Cytosol	Coenzyme A
dha	Cytosol	Dihydroxyacetone
dhap	Cytosol	Dihydroxyacetone phosphate
e4p	Cytosol	D-Erythrose 4-phosphate
etoh	Cytosol	Ethanol
f6p	Cytosol	D-Fructose 6-phosphate
fad	Cytosol	Flavin adenine dinucleotide
fadh2	Cytosol	Flavin adenine dinucleotide-reduced

TABLE 13-continued

List of the metabolite abbreviations, the corresponding names and locations of all the metabolites that participate in the reactions listed in Table 12.

Metabolite Abbreviation	Compartment	Metabolite Name
fdp	Cytosol	D-Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate
for	Cytosol	Formate
fum	Cytosol	Fumarate
g3p	Cytosol	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate
g6p	Cytosol	D-Glucose 6-phosphate
glc-D[e]	Extra-organism	D-Glucose
glu5p	Cytosol	L-glutamate 5-phosphate
glu5sa	Cytosol	L-glutamate 5-semialdehyde
glu-L	Cytosol	L-Glutamate
h	Cytosol	H^+
h[e]	Extra-organism	H^+
h2o	Cytosol	Water
lac-D	Cytosol	D-Lactate
mal-L	Cytosol	L-Malate
mql-8	Cytosol	Menaquinol-8
mqn-8	Cytosol	Menaquinone-8
nad	Cytosol	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
nadh	Cytosol	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide - reduced

TABLE 13-continued

List of the metabolite abbreviations, the corresponding names and locations of all the metabolites that participate in the reactions listed in Table 12.

Metabolite Abbreviation	Compartment	Metabolite Name
nadp	Cytosol	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
nadph	Cytosol	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate - reduced
nh4	Cytosol	Ammonium
o2	Cytosol	Oxygen
oaa	Cytosol	Oxaloacetate
pep	Cytosol	Phosphoenolpyruvate
pi	Cytosol	Phosphate
ppi	Cytosol	Diphosphate
pyr	Cytosol	Pyruvate
r5p	Cytosol	alpha-D-Ribose 5-phosphate
ru5p-D	Cytosol	D-Ribulose 5-phosphate
s7p	Cytosol	Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate
succ	Cytosol	Succinate
succoa	Cytosol	Succinyl-CoA
ubq8	Cytosol	Ubiquinone-8
ubq8h2	Cytosol	Ubiquinol-8
val-L	Cytosol	L-valine
xu5p-D	Cytosol	D-Xylulose 5-phosphate

TABLE 14

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1	1	1.72604	0.38773	ATPS4r
2	1	0.83466	0.26712	PGI
3	2	5.04234	0.22255	HEX1, PGI
4	2	4.11897	0.24338	EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI
5	2	3.26272	0.35236	ADHEr, NADH6
6	2	2.8403	0.28275	ADHEr, PPCK
7	2	2.05537	0.33531	GLCpts, NADH6
8	2	2.0373	0.38161	ATPS4r, RPE
9	2	1.89007	0.3845	ATPS4r, TAL
10	2	1.49147	0.26024	PFLi, PGI
11	2	1.11406	0.32382	NADH6, PFLi
12	2	0.95551	0.27773	PFLi, PPCK
13	2	0.89333	0.37885	ADHEr, FUM
14	2	0.41621	0.38953	ADHEr, HEX1
15	2	0.31773	0.36065	ASPT, FUM
16	3	6.93034	0.18126	EDA and/or PGDHY, NADH6, PGI
17	3	6.91845	0.19552	HEX1, PFLi, PGI
18	3	6.14899	0.1758	EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI
19	3	5.81422	0.16481	ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI
20	3	5.71646	0.21908	ADHEr, HEX1, PGI
21	3	4.83364	0.29669	ADHEr, NADH6, PFLi
22	3	4.23803	0.24209	ACKr and/or PTAr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI
23	3	4.02855	0.29483	ADHEr, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
24	3	3.77533	0.25553	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH
25	3	3.65248	0.19372	ADHEr, NADH6, PGI
26	3	3.47283	0.25194	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK
27	3	3.39319	0.29001	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6
28	3	3.35305	0.34906	ADHEr, NADH6, RPE
29	3	3.23462	0.28717	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, SUCOAS
30	3	3.0877	0.16431	ADHEr, PGI, PPCK
31	3	2.90019	0.24841	ADHEr, GLCpts, PPCK
32	3	2.89855	0.2815	ADHEr, PPCK, RPE
33	3	2.88617	0.25645	ADHEr, FUM, THD2 and/or GLUDy
34	3	2.72186	0.35068	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1
35	3	2.60615	0.3202	ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
36	3	2.54001	0.22798	PFLi, PGDH, PGI
37	3	2.5259	0.22921	PFLi, PGI, TAL
38	3	2.5129	0.23034	PFLi, PGI, RPE
39	3	2.50442	0.16853	ATPS4r, PFLi, PGI
40	3	2.38919	0.18418	GLCpts, NADH6, PGI
41	3	2.30741	0.33343	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6
42	3	2.16995	0.33092	GLCpts, NADH6, RPE
43	3	2.11568	0.333	GLCpts, NADH6, TAL
44	3	2.10576	0.25488	ATPS4r, PPCK, PYK
45	3	1.5933	0.25891	FUM, PFLi, PGI
46	3	1.25154	0.3194	NADH6, PFLi, RPE
47	3	1.23093	0.32359	ACKr and/or PTAr, NADH6, PFLi
48	3	1.18643	0.32149	NADH6, PFLi, TAL
49	3	1.08143	0.27599	PFLi, PPCK, RPE
50	3	1.0527	0.27673	ACKr and/or PTAr, PFLi, PPCK
51	3	1.03356	0.34314	FUM, HEX1, PFLi
52	3	1.02156	0.27682	PFLi, PPCK, TAL
53	3	0.8538	0.24817	MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
54	3	0.5753	0.38695	ADHEr, HEX1, RPE
55	3	0.49968	0.38818	ADHEr, HEX1, TAL
56	3	0.31402	0.35643	FDH2, FUM, NADH6
57	3	0.23944	0.28074	FUM, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
58	3	0.23418	0.26581	ASPT, MDH, PFLi
59	3	0.20901	0.23724	ASPT, MDH, PYK
60	4	7.08404	0.12641	EDA and/or PGDHY, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
61	4	7.0245	0.10838	EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
62	4	6.92332	0.16482	ADHEr, HEX1, NADH6, PGI
63	4	6.89839	0.18171	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, NADH6, PGI
64	4	6.58534	0.16513	EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, PFLi, PGI
65	4	6.36357	0.11937	EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
66	4	6.22082	0.11375	ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI
67	4	5.8701	0.13379	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI, PPCK
68	4	5.85757	0.23874	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
69	4	5.85411	0.19685	ADHEr, HEX1, PGI, PPS
70	4	5.67774	0.13549	EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI, PPCK, PYK
71	4	5.46506	0.26673	EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
72	4	5.40131	0.26362	ADHEr, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
73	4	5.08219	0.13778	ATPS4r, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
74	4	4.88764	0.27849	ADHEr, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
75	4	4.88489	0.27942	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PFLi
76	4	4.81778	0.26037	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, NADH6
77	4	4.73419	0.21859	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
78	4	4.63783	0.29595	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, NADH6
79	4	4.51525	0.21818	ADHEr, FUM, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
80	4	4.51525	0.21818	ADHEr, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
81	4	4.30547	0.19131	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PGI
82	4	4.2733	0.23078	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK
83	4	4.16417	0.18771	ATPS4r, NADH6, PGI, RPE
84	4	4.16053	0.18697	ATPS4r, NADH6, PGI, TAL
85	4	4.15658	0.18617	ATPS4r, NADH6, PGDH, PGI
86	4	4.12032	0.32701	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, NADH6
87	4	3.9718	0.23354	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PPCK
88	4	3.9718	0.23354	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, PPCK
89	4	3.8747	0.21758	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, MDH
90	4	3.84814	0.25342	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, RPE
91	4	3.83986	0.2047	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PYK
92	4	3.75472	0.32987	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, NADH6
93	4	3.54965	0.29114	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGDH
94	4	3.54605	0.21695	ADHEr, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK
95	4	3.54385	0.218	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
96	4	3.53615	0.25027	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
97	4	3.5018	0.32809	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1
98	4	3.46904	0.25375	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6
99	4	3.46528	0.28851	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, RPE
100	4	3.44916	0.13425	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
101	4	3.44555	0.26498	ADHEr, HEX1, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
102	4	3.43776	0.29402	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, TAL
103	4	3.36596	0.19156	FUM, NADH6, PGI, THD5
104	4	3.36596	0.19156	MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD5

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
105	4	3.33377	0.2967	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, RPE
106	4	3.33152	0.33978	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, TAL
107	4	3.32935	0.34088	ADHEr, HEX1, NADH6, TAL
108	4	3.32788	0.32122	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, NADH6
109	4	3.31278	0.3493	ADHEr, GLU5K, NADH6, TAL
110	4	3.31278	0.3493	ADHEr, G5SD, NADH6, TAL
111	4	3.17484	0.10602	ADHEr, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
112	4	3.16614	0.11184	ADHEr, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
113	4	3.16614	0.11184	ADHEr, FUM, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
114	4	3.11125	0.24826	ADHEr, ATPS4r, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
115	4	2.96628	0.21051	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
116	4	2.95529	0.24477	ADHEr, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
117	4	2.95136	0.24731	ADHEr, GLCpts, PPCK, RPE
118	4	2.94249	0.25305	ADHEr, FUM, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
119	4	2.93765	0.22693	ADHEr, MDH, PPCK, PYK
120	4	2.93765	0.22693	ADHEr, FUM, PPCK, PYK
121	4	2.9332	0.24406	ADHEr, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
122	4	2.90913	0.24328	ADHEr, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
123	4	2.90913	0.24328	ADHEr, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
124	4	2.90081	0.26381	ADHEr, FUM, PPCK, TAL
125	4	2.90081	0.26381	ADHEr, MDH, PPCK, TAL
126	4	2.86334	0.28161	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PFLi
127	4	2.79498	0.34856	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, RPE
128	4	2.7362	0.31504	ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, RPE
129	4	2.70922	0.18179	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PGI
130	4	2.67469	0.31748	ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, TAL
131	4	2.61943	0.36027	ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi, PPS
132	4	2.60629	0.2178	PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
133	4	2.60314	0.31113	ADHEr, HEX1, MDH, PFLi
134	4	2.56456	0.18551	ASPT, NADH6, PGI, THD5
135	4	2.55949	0.17944	ATPS4r, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
136	4	2.45433	0.3546	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, THD2 and/or GLUDy
137	4	2.45166	0.03625	GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
138	4	2.44258	0.32891	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, RPE
139	4	2.43939	0.25153	ATPS4r, PPCK, PYK, RPE
140	4	2.37857	0.33105	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, TAL
141	4	2.30961	0.22691	ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
142	4	2.28135	0.25311	ATPS4r, PPCK, PYK, TAL
143	4	2.18633	0.3609	ADHEr, HEX1, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
144	4	2.11347	0.31979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, MDH
145	4	2.05497	0.19746	ASPT, ATPS4r, PGI, THD5
146	4	1.83108	0.25754	MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
147	4	1.65594	0.25767	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, PFLi, PGI
148	4	1.36673	0.31918	ACKr and/or PTAr, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
149	4	1.30242	0.32127	ACKr and/or PTAr, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
150	4	1.28243	0.32216	ACKr and/or PTAr, GLU5K, NADH6, PFLi
151	4	1.28243	0.32216	ACKr and/or PTAr, G5SD, NADH6, PFLi
152	4	1.26654	0.34191	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, HEX1, PFLi
153	4	1.18926	0.34046	FUM, HEX1, PFLi, RPE
154	4	1.17756	0.275	ACKr and/or PTAr, PFLi, PPCK, RPE
155	4	1.1182	0.27583	ACKr and/or PTAr, PFLi, PPCK, TAL
156	4	1.1153	0.34173	FUM, HEX1, PFLi, TAL
157	4	0.95889	0.24471	MDH, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
158	4	0.9475	0.3633	ADHEr, FUM, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
159	4	0.9475	0.3633	ADHEr, FUM, PGDH, TAL
160	4	0.90913	0.24635	MDH, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
161	4	0.36773	0.36076	HEX1, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
162	4	0.3476	0.2132	ADHEr, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
163	4	0.32915	0.27571	FUM, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
164	5	6.98742	0.06748	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
165	5	6.97749	0.0848	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, PGI
166	5	6.70882	0.01277	EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
167	5	6.70882	0.01277	EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
168	5	6.69134	0.13239	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH
169	5	6.55123	0.09841	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
170	5	6.55123	0.09841	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PYK
171	5	6.3052	0.17034	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
172	5	6.20871	0.17434	EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD5

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
173	5	6.12639	0.08557	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
174	5	6.03386	0.19348	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH
175	5	5.98628	0.0693	ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI, PPCK, PYK
176	5	5.98165	0.07186	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI, PPCK
177	5	5.93527	0.09761	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, PGI, PPCK
178	5	5.87444	0.0434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
179	5	5.87444	0.0434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
180	5	5.82336	0.16439	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PYK
181	5	5.75418	0.21654	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
182	5	5.65488	0.26204	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
183	5	5.59555	0.20952	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6
184	5	5.30614	0.21123	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
185	5	5.21058	0.214	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH
186	5	5.20451	0.17174	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
187	5	5.1776	0.13724	ADHEr, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
188	5	5.11744	0.13758	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
189	5	5.11744	0.13758	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
190	5	5.11714	0.20117	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
191	5	5.11714	0.20117	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
192	5	5.10437	0.12227	ADHEr, FUM, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
193	5	5.10437	0.12227	ADHEr, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
194	5	5.09877	0.17589	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK
195	5	5.0606	0.22022	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
196	5	5.02693	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
197	5	5.02693	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
198	5	5.00057	0.21154	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
199	5	4.97638	0.21218	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
200	5	4.88781	0.27844	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
201	5	4.88512	0.29281	ADHEr, GLU5K, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
202	5	4.88512	0.29281	ADHEr, G5SD, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
203	5	4.885	0.29286	ADHEr, ASNS2, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
204	5	4.85776	0.29446	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, NADH6, RPE
205	5	4.83644	0.29517	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, NADH6, TAL
206	5	4.7175	0.34071	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
207	5	4.66386	0.18074	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH, PPCK
208	5	4.66386	0.18074	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, PPCK
209	5	4.63095	0.20189	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, PFLi, PPCK
210	5	4.49707	0.25782	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
211	5	4.4958	0.1778	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, NADH6, PYK
212	5	4.41977	0.25646	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
213	5	4.29965	0.18828	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, MDH, PYK
214	5	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLU5K, GLYCL, PGI
215	5	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, EDA and/or PGDHY, G5SD, GLYCL, PGI
216	5	4.28287	0.11665	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
217	5	4.24299	0.26303	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
218	5	4.18509	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
219	5	4.18509	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, NADH6, PGDH
220	5	4.15013	0.1124	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
221	5	4.14582	0.32483	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, NADH6, TAL
222	5	4.1099	0.32529	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, NADH6, RPE
223	5	4.04473	0.12883	ADHEr, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPCK
224	5	4.03844	0.12934	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, TAL
225	5	4.03266	0.12981	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, RPE
226	5	4.02531	0.1111	ADHEr, GLCpts, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
227	5	3.95205	0.10694	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, PGDH, PGI, SUCOAS
228	5	3.94203	0.1079	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, PGI, SUCOAS, TAL
229	5	3.9367	0.21579	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, MDH, RPE
230	5	3.93273	0.1088	ACKr and/or PTAr, ATPS4r, PGI, RPE, SUCOAS
231	5	3.88257	0.21457	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
232	5	3.84571	0.22865	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
233	5	3.76049	0.30843	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, PFLi
234	5	3.74674	0.21738	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
235	5	3.71345	0.27754	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGDH, TAL
236	5	3.69299	0.14673	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
237	5	3.64625	0.1409	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, PGI, PPCK
238	5	3.64625	0.1409	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MDH, PGI, PPCK
239	5	3.60057	0.21551	ADHEr, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK, RPE

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
240	5	3.59735	0.21725	ADHEr, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, RPE
241	5	3.59622	0.19297	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
242	5	3.59622	0.19297	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK
243	5	3.59594	0.19311	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
244	5	3.59594	0.19311	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
245	5	3.59157	0.1952	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
246	5	3.57086	0.18962	ATPS4r, FUM, NADH6, PGI, THD5
247	5	3.57086	0.18962	ATPS4r, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD5
248	5	3.55204	0.22769	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
249	5	3.55204	0.22769	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
250	5	3.53212	0.25244	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6, RPE
251	5	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, FUM, GLU5K, NADH6, PPCK
252	5	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, G5SD, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
253	5	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, GLU5K, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
254	5	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, FUM, G5SD, NADH6, PPCK
255	5	3.52319	0.22788	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, NADH6, PPCK
256	5	3.52319	0.22788	ADHEr, ASNS2, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
257	5	3.51328	0.26261	ADHEr, HEX1, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
258	5	3.40958	0.31856	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, NADH6, RPE
259	5	3.19551	0.34972	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
260	5	3.04993	0.16253	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
261	5	3.04993	0.16253	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
262	5	3.02516	0.17674	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
263	5	2.95797	0.22895	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, PPCK, TAL
264	5	2.95797	0.22895	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, PPCK, TAL
265	5	2.94768	0.30664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, MDH, PFLi
266	5	2.93267	0.03242	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
267	5	2.93156	0.27787	ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
268	5	2.92149	0.26881	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
269	5	2.76831	0.35787	ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi, PPS, RPE
270	5	2.73201	0.30945	ADHEr, HEX1, MDH, PFLi, RPE
271	5	2.69754	0.35901	ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi, PPS, TAL
272	5	2.69256	0.22448	ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, RPE
273	5	2.67071	0.31025	ADHEr, HEX1, MDH, PFLi, TAL
274	5	2.63273	0.17703	ATPS4r, PFLi, PPCK, PYK, RPE
275	5	2.61965	0.35455	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
276	5	2.5479	0.2938	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, THD2 and/or GLUDy
277	5	2.5408	0.35457	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
278	5	2.51093	0.22563	ATPS4r, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, TAL
279	5	2.50239	0.09117	GLCpts, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, PYK
280	5	1.97671	0.25583	ACKr and/or PTAr, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
281	5	1.41987	0.33925	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, HEX1, PFLi, RPE
282	5	1.41694	0.31779	ACKr and/or PTAr, GLU5K, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
283	5	1.41694	0.31779	ACKr and/or PTAr, G5SD, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
284	5	1.35397	0.34014	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, GLU5K, HEX1, PFLi
285	5	1.35397	0.34014	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, G5SD, HEX1, PFLi
286	5	1.35324	0.31986	ACKr and/or PTAr, GLU5K, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
287	5	1.35324	0.31986	ACKr and/or PTAr, G5SD, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
288	5	1.34703	0.34051	ACKr and/or PTAr, FUM, HEX1, PFLi, TAL
289	5	1.16644	0.24173	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
290	5	0.935	0.24579	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
291	5	0.5376	0.11141	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
292	5	0.44145	0.36033	HEX1, PFLi, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
293	5	0.41407	0.27855	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, FUM, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
294	5	0.34153	0.21403	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
295	5	0.29506	0.27092	FUM, PFLi, PGDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
296	5	0.29506	0.27092	FUM, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
297	5	0.29233	0.27766	FUM, GLYCL, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
298	2	1.72604	0.38773	ADHEr, ATPS4r
299	2	0.83466	0.26712	ADHEr, PGI
300	3	4.11897	0.24338	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI
301	3	2.0373	0.38161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, RPE
302	3	1.89007	0.3845	ADHEr, ATPS4r, TAL
303	3	1.49147	0.26024	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI
304	4	6.93034	0.18126	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, NADH6, PGI
305	4	6.91845	0.19552	ADHEr, HEX1, PFLi, PGI
306	4	6.14899	0.1758	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI
307	4	5.81422	0.16481	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
308	4	4.23803	0.24209	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PGI
309	4	3.23462	0.28717	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, SUCOAS
310	4	2.60615	0.3202	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi
311	4	2.54001	0.22798	ADHEr, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
312	4	2.5259	0.22921	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI, TAL
313	4	2.5129	0.23034	ADHEr, PFLi, PGI, RPE
314	4	2.50442	0.16853	ADHEr, ATPS4r, PFLi, PGI
315	4	1.5933	0.25891	ADHEr, FUM, PFLi, PGI
316	5	7.08404	0.12641	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
317	5	7.0245	0.10838	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
318	5	6.58534	0.16513	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, PFLi, PGI
319	5	6.36357	0.11937	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
320	5	6.22082	0.11375	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, PFLi, PGI
321	5	5.08219	0.13778	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
322	5	2.7362	0.31504	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, RPE
323	5	2.67469	0.31748	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, TAL
324	5	2.60629	0.2178	ADHEr, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
325	5	2.05497	0.19746	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, PGI, THD5
326	5	1.65594	0.25767	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, PFLi, PGI
327	6	7.82999	0.02101	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
328	6	7.21161	0.05631	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
329	6	7.16447	0.10326	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PYK
330	6	6.97749	0.0848	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, PFLi, PGI
331	6	6.89088	0.16538	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
332	6	6.86543	0.14022	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
333	6	6.72704	0.08076	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, NADH6, PYK
334	6	6.72704	0.08076	ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
335	6	6.67303	0.15616	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
336	6	6.67303	0.15616	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
337	6	6.62564	0.17535	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
338	6	6.44535	0.24832	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
339	6	6.44535	0.24832	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
340	6	6.3515	0.04992	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
341	6	6.3052	0.17034	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PGDH
342	6	6.25221	0.15227	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
343	6	6.22508	0.18792	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
344	6	6.20871	0.17434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD5
345	6	6.19852	0.09326	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
346	6	6.19408	0.16324	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
347	6	6.19255	0.17194	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, TAL
348	6	6.18674	0.18098	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
349	6	6.18358	0.11862	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
350	6	6.12313	0.19075	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
351	6	6.09846	0.03275	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
352	6	6.09846	0.03275	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
353	6	6.08794	0.17343	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, RPE
354	6	6.01307	0.17456	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
355	6	6.00837	0.14517	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
356	6	5.99004	0.18339	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
357	6	5.9797	0.19373	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, HEX1, PGI, PPS
358	6	5.97334	0.11266	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
359	6	5.96643	0.16387	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PYK, RPE
360	6	5.8983	0.16412	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, MDH, PYK, TAL
361	6	5.89777	0.06803	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
362	6	5.81808	0.13048	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
363	6	5.77313	0.13132	ADHEr, ATPS4r, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
364	6	5.75832	0.26044	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLU5K, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
365	6	5.75832	0.26044	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, G5SD, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
366	6	5.75556	0.13165	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
367	6	5.68405	0.15589	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
368	6	5.64518	0.25081	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
369	6	5.61474	0.1274	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
370	6	5.57706	0.11542	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
371	6	5.55724	0.20645	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
372	6	5.39028	0.01098	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
373	6	5.36336	0.12039	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
374	6	5.35114	0.12824	ADHEr, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
375	6	5.34992	0.12867	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
376	6	5.34421	0.12775	ADHEr, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
377	6	5.34298	0.12817	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
378	6	5.33668	0.12721	ADHEr, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
379	6	5.33544	0.12763	ADHEr, FUM, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
380	6	5.3133	0.13509	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
381	6	5.30121	0.14588	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
382	6	5.29298	0.14544	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
383	6	5.28823	0.16642	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
384	6	5.28401	0.14496	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
385	6	5.28401	0.14496	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
386	6	5.28388	0.145	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
387	6	5.23479	0.26578	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
388	6	5.22487	0.16488	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
389	6	5.22487	0.16488	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
390	6	5.18966	0.19912	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
391	6	5.18966	0.19912	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
392	6	5.17671	0.18111	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
393	6	5.17275	0.18244	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
394	6	5.16547	0.14992	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PFLi
395	6	5.14231	0.02949	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
396	6	5.1335	0.31969	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
397	6	5.12241	0.20902	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
398	6	5.11384	0.20727	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
399	6	5.1046	0.2054	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
400	6	5.00987	0.10652	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
401	6	4.99324	0.24292	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
402	6	4.98859	0.24448	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
403	6	4.91516	0.18237	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
404	6	4.91516	0.18237	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
405	6	4.90997	0.20313	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
406	6	4.86469	0.20078	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, PFLi, PPCK, RPE
407	6	4.79988	0.22937	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, MDH, NADH6, PYK
408	6	4.75998	0.22327	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
409	6	4.75998	0.22327	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
410	6	4.75352	0.20131	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, PFLi, PPCK, TAL
411	6	4.72575	0.27672	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
412	6	4.68468	0.22968	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
413	6	4.67203	0.24577	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
414	6	4.6646	0.15914	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
415	6	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, ICL, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
416	6	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
417	6	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
418	6	4.64861	0.22305	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
419	6	4.61213	0.23585	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
420	6	4.54731	0.14834	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
421	6	4.45035	0.18822	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, MDH, PYK, RPE
422	6	4.44107	0.285	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
423	6	4.37848	0.18825	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, MDH, PYK, TAL
424	6	4.35711	0.22671	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6
425	6	4.30745	0.05232	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
426	6	4.29111	0.05856	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
427	6	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, G5SD, GLYCL, PGI
428	6	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLU5K, GLYCL, PGI
429	6	4.19017	0.18892	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
430	6	4.14405	0.19951	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK
431	6	4.14405	0.19951	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
432	6	4.14405	0.19951	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, PPCK

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
433	6	4.13843	0.19251	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, PPCK, RPE
434	6	4.11865	0.20026	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
435	6	4.11865	0.20026	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
436	6	4.10258	0.11665	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
437	6	4.09791	0.11017	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
438	6	4.09791	0.11017	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
439	6	4.09533	0.20095	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
440	6	4.09533	0.20095	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
441	6	4.08336	0.13789	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
442	6	4.08234	0.13828	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
443	6	4.0683	0.31169	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
444	6	4.05789	0.14762	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
445	6	4.04139	0.17129	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
446	6	3.97871	0.17786	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
447	6	3.95205	0.10694	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, PGDH, PGI, SUCOAS
448	6	3.95184	0.18812	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
449	6	3.94624	0.19026	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
450	6	3.94455	0.21245	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
451	6	3.94203	0.1079	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, PGI, SUCOAS, TAL
452	6	3.93874	0.25675	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
453	6	3.93273	0.1088	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, PGI, RPE, SUCOAS
454	6	3.91186	0.22634	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
455	6	3.90038	0.04761	ADHEr, GLCpts, NADH6, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
456	6	3.8947	0.05032	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
457	6	3.8947	0.05032	ADHEr, GLCpts, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
458	6	3.84046	0.12564	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
459	6	3.81228	0.08972	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
460	6	3.81228	0.08972	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
461	6	3.76251	0.07312	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
462	6	3.70324	0.1395	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
463	6	3.70023	0.1556	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
464	6	3.70023	0.1556	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
465	6	3.67651	0.1546	ADHEr, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, PYK
466	6	3.67651	0.1546	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
467	6	3.652	0.16631	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
468	6	3.64497	0.19156	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
469	6	3.62254	0.1804	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
470	6	3.5494	0.21535	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
471	6	3.41696	0.27865	ADHEr, DAAD, FDH2, NADH12, NADH6, PRO1z
472	6	3.41696	0.27865	ADHEr, ALAR, FDH2, NADH12, NADH6, PRO1z
473	6	3.40228	0.13474	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
474	6	3.27381	0.03414	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
475	6	3.22868	0.19148	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
476	6	3.11905	0.12289	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
477	6	3.11905	0.12289	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
478	6	3.10777	0.12936	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
479	6	3.10777	0.12936	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
480	6	2.9427	0.20328	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
481	6	2.9427	0.20328	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
482	6	2.80361	0.3231	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
483	6	2.79375	0.29126	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
484	6	2.68652	0.29222	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
485	6	2.62059	0.29297	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
486	6	2.46956	0.30762	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
487	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS

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New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
488	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
489	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
490	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
491	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
492	6	0.97386	0.28207	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MALS, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
493	6	0.90686	0.28301	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MALS, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
494	6	0.90686	0.28301	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
495	6	0.84537	0.28387	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
496	6	0.84537	0.28387	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, MALS, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
497	3	3.26272	0.35236	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6
498	3	2.8403	0.28275	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK
499	3	1.72604	0.38773	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D
500	3	0.89333	0.37885	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D
501	3	0.83466	0.26712	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI
502	3	0.41621	0.38953	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D
503	4	5.71646	0.21908	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
504	4	4.83364	0.29669	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
505	4	4.11897	0.24338	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
506	4	3.77533	0.25553	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH
507	4	3.65248	0.19372	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
508	4	3.47283	0.25194	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
509	4	3.39319	0.29001	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
510	4	3.35305	0.34906	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
511	4	3.0877	0.16431	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
512	4	2.90019	0.24841	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
513	4	2.89855	0.2815	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
514	4	2.88617	0.25645	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
515	4	2.72186	0.35068	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
516	4	2.0373	0.38161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, RPE
517	4	1.89007	0.3845	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TAL
518	4	1.49147	0.26024	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
519	4	0.5753	0.38695	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
520	4	0.49968	0.38818	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
521	5	6.93034	0.18126	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
522	5	6.92332	0.16482	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
523	5	6.91845	0.19552	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
524	5	6.89839	0.18171	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
525	5	6.14899	0.1758	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
526	5	5.8701	0.13379	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
527	5	5.85757	0.23874	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
528	5	5.85411	0.19685	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, PPS
529	5	5.81422	0.16481	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
530	5	5.40131	0.26362	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
531	5	4.88764	0.27849	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
532	5	4.88489	0.27942	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
533	5	4.81778	0.26037	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
534	5	4.73419	0.21859	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
535	5	4.63783	0.29595	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6
536	5	4.30547	0.19131	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
537	5	4.2733	0.23078	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
538	5	4.23803	0.24209	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
539	5	4.12032	0.32701	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
540	5	3.9718	0.23354	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
541	5	3.9718	0.23354	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
542	5	3.8747	0.21758	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
543	5	3.84814	0.25342	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
544	5	3.83986	0.2047	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
545	5	3.75472	0.32987	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
546	5	3.54965	0.29114	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
547	5	3.54605	0.21695	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
548	5	3.54385	0.218	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
549	5	3.53615	0.25027	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
550	5	3.5018	0.32809	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
551	5	3.46904	0.25375	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
552	5	3.46528	0.28851	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
553	5	3.44916	0.13425	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
554	5	3.44555	0.26498	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
555	5	3.43776	0.29402	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
556	5	3.33377	0.2967	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
557	5	3.33152	0.33978	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
558	5	3.32935	0.34088	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
559	5	3.32788	0.32122	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
560	5	3.31278	0.3493	ADHEr, G5SD, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
561	5	3.31278	0.3493	ADHEr, GLU5K, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
562	5	3.23462	0.28717	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, SUCOAS
563	5	3.17484	0.10602	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
564	5	3.16614	0.11184	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
565	5	3.16614	0.11184	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
566	5	3.11125	0.24826	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
567	5	2.95529	0.24477	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
568	5	2.95136	0.24731	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
569	5	2.94249	0.25305	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
570	5	2.93765	0.22693	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
571	5	2.93765	0.22693	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
572	5	2.9332	0.24406	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
573	5	2.90913	0.24328	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
574	5	2.90913	0.24328	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
575	5	2.90081	0.26381	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
576	5	2.90081	0.26381	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
577	5	2.79498	0.34856	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
578	5	2.61943	0.36027	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS
579	5	2.60615	0.3202	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
580	5	2.60314	0.31113	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
581	5	2.54001	0.22798	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
582	5	2.5259	0.22921	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, TAL
583	5	2.5129	0.23034	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, RPE
584	5	2.50442	0.16853	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
585	5	2.45433	0.3546	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
586	5	2.18633	0.3609	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
587	5	2.11347	0.31979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
588	5	1.5933	0.25891	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
589	5	0.9475	0.3633	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, TAL
590	5	0.9475	0.3633	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
591	6	7.08404	0.12641	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
592	6	7.0245	0.10838	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
593	6	6.98742	0.06748	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
594	6	6.69134	0.13239	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
595	6	6.58534	0.16513	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
596	6	6.55123	0.09841	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
597	6	6.55123	0.09841	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
598	6	6.36357	0.11937	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
599	6	6.22082	0.11375	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
600	6	5.98165	0.07186	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
601	6	5.93527	0.09761	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
602	6	5.87444	0.0434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
603	6	5.87444	0.0434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
604	6	5.65488	0.26204	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
605	6	5.59555	0.20952	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
606	6	5.1776	0.13724	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
607	6	5.11744	0.13758	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
608	6	5.11744	0.13758	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
609	6	5.09877	0.17589	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
610	6	5.08219	0.13778	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
611	6	5.02693	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
612	6	5.02693	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
613	6	5.00057	0.21154	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
614	6	4.97638	0.21218	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
615	6	4.88512	0.29281	ADHEr, GLU5K, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
616	6	4.88512	0.29281	ADHEr, G5SD, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
617	6	4.885	0.29286	ADHEr, ASNS2, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
618	6	4.85776	0.29446	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
619	6	4.83644	0.29517	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
620	6	4.66386	0.18074	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
621	6	4.66386	0.18074	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
622	6	4.63095	0.20189	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
623	6	4.49707	0.25782	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
624	6	4.4958	0.1778	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK
625	6	4.41977	0.25646	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
626	6	4.18509	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
627	6	4.18509	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH
628	6	4.15013	0.1124	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
629	6	4.14582	0.32483	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
630	6	4.1099	0.32529	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
631	6	4.04473	0.12883	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPCK
632	6	4.03844	0.12934	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, TAL
633	6	4.03266	0.12981	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, RPE
634	6	4.02531	0.1111	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
635	6	3.9367	0.21579	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
636	6	3.76049	0.30843	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
637	6	3.71345	0.27754	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, TAL
638	6	3.69299	0.14673	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
639	6	3.64625	0.1409	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK
640	6	3.64625	0.1409	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
641	6	3.60057	0.21551	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
642	6	3.59735	0.21725	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, RPE
643	6	3.59622	0.19297	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
644	6	3.59622	0.19297	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
645	6	3.59594	0.19311	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
646	6	3.59594	0.19311	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
647	6	3.59157	0.1952	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
648	6	3.55204	0.22769	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
649	6	3.55204	0.22769	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
650	6	3.53212	0.25244	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
651	6	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, GLU5K, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
652	6	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, G5SD, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
653	6	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, FUM, GLU5K, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
654	6	3.52326	0.22785	ADHEr, FUM, G5SD, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
655	6	3.52319	0.22788	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
656	6	3.52319	0.22788	ADHEr, ASNS2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
657	6	3.51328	0.26261	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
658	6	3.40958	0.31856	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
659	6	3.19551	0.34972	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
660	6	2.95797	0.22895	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
661	6	2.95797	0.22895	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
662	6	2.94768	0.30664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
663	6	2.92149	0.26881	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
664	6	2.76831	0.35787	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, RPE
665	6	2.7362	0.31504	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE
666	6	2.73201	0.30945	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE
667	6	2.69754	0.35901	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, TAL
668	6	2.67469	0.31748	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, TAL
669	6	2.67071	0.31025	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL
670	6	2.61965	0.35455	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
671	6	2.60629	0.2178	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
672	6	2.5479	0.2938	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
673	6	2.5408	0.35457	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
674	6	2.05497	0.19746	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
675	6	1.65594	0.25767	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
676	7	7.90077	0.01226	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
677	7	7.84104	0.01965	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
678	7	7.7052	0.03644	ADHEr, ASPT, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
679	7	7.67191	0.04055	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
680	7	7.61518	0.06956	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
681	7	7.57942	0.07603	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
682	7	7.57942	0.07603	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH

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New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
683	7	7.57606	0.07664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
684	7	7.57606	0.07664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
685	7	7.57295	0.0772	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
686	7	7.57295	0.0772	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
687	7	7.55163	0.08105	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
688	7	7.38115	0.07649	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
689	7	7.293	0.07152	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
690	7	7.21161	0.05631	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
691	7	7.10953	0.03056	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
692	7	7.04629	0.01861	ADHEr, ARGt4, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
693	7	7.04629	0.01861	ADHEr, ARGt4, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
694	7	7.01619	0.17329	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
695	7	7.00623	0.10284	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
696	7	7.00542	0.17519	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
697	7	6.99744	0.05155	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
698	7	6.99744	0.05155	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
699	7	6.99744	0.05155	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
700	7	6.99618	0.02608	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
701	7	6.99539	0.17696	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
702	7	6.99098	0.13845	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy
703	7	6.99098	0.13845	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
704	7	6.97749	0.0848	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
705	7	6.95495	0.04834	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
706	7	6.94643	0.04549	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
707	7	6.94643	0.04549	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
708	7	6.94035	0.16409	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
709	7	6.93216	0.19304	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
710	7	6.9218	0.16465	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
711	7	6.90477	0.16517	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
712	7	6.89223	0.07039	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
713	7	6.89088	0.16538	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
714	7	6.88301	0.07117	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
715	7	6.88301	0.07117	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
716	7	6.86164	0.16622	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
717	7	6.83471	0.167	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
718	7	6.81823	0.05671	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
719	7	6.75858	0.12153	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
720	7	6.75858	0.12153	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
721	7	6.74354	0.0559	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
722	7	6.72704	0.08076	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK
723	7	6.72704	0.08076	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
724	7	6.72478	0.09245	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
725	7	6.71779	0.1313	ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
726	7	6.71371	0.1397	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
727	7	6.69882	0.08259	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
728	7	6.69814	0.08084	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
729	7	6.68517	0.13281	ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
730	7	6.67827	0.0833	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
731	7	6.67803	0.08153	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
732	7	6.66553	0.13149	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
733	7	6.65922	0.08397	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
734	7	6.65477	0.13422	ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
735	7	6.65444	0.13292	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
736	7	6.64411	0.13426	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
737	7	6.54706	0.05865	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
738	7	6.50546	0.0488	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
739	7	6.4951	0.09302	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
740	7	6.48152	0.09261	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
741	7	6.4815	0.14937	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
742	7	6.4814	0.1488	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
743	7	6.48129	0.14819	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
744	7	6.46677	0.09217	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
745	7	6.46677	0.09217	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
746	7	6.40404	0.13985	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
747	7	6.39358	0.0544	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
748	7	6.36333	0.16503	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
749	7	6.35537	0.14906	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK
750	7	6.34075	0.15004	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
751	7	6.33847	0.16728	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
752	7	6.30136	0.19463	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
753	7	6.30082	0.1583	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
754	7	6.23552	0.18763	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
755	7	6.23519	0.15548	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
756	7	6.22748	0.15693	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
757	7	6.22033	0.15828	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
758	7	6.2176	0.1588	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
759	7	6.21321	0.15963	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
760	7	6.20917	0.16039	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
761	7	6.20871	0.17434	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD5
762	7	6.18575	0.17904	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6
763	7	6.17771	0.01562	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
764	7	6.17771	0.01562	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
765	7	6.10255	0.12296	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
766	7	6.08364	0.10963	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
767	7	6.05909	0.217	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
768	7	5.99909	0.09659	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
769	7	5.99909	0.09659	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
770	7	5.9797	0.19373	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, PPS
771	7	5.97334	0.11266	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
772	7	5.94122	0.14646	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
773	7	5.94122	0.14646	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
774	7	5.9395	0.02821	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
775	7	5.89777	0.06803	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
776	7	5.86803	0.06511	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
777	7	5.84763	0.01509	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
778	7	5.80727	0.03994	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
779	7	5.80665	0.23182	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
780	7	5.77313	0.13132	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
781	7	5.77052	0.23124	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
782	7	5.75832	0.26044	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, G5SD, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
783	7	5.75832	0.26044	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLU5K, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
784	7	5.75556	0.13165	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
785	7	5.75413	0.21628	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
786	7	5.75142	0.15	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
787	7	5.75142	0.15	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
788	7	5.73569	0.11619	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
789	7	5.73112	0.23062	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
790	7	5.73112	0.23062	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
791	7	5.7037	0.1229	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
792	7	5.7037	0.1229	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
793	7	5.67082	0.04313	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
794	7	5.67082	0.04313	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
795	7	5.6689	0.01529	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
796	7	5.57706	0.11542	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
797	7	5.57479	0.20482	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
798	7	5.56128	0.20483	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, THD2 and/or GLUDy
799	7	5.53687	0.15179	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
800	7	5.48032	0.07882	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
801	7	5.48032	0.07882	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
802	7	5.4574	0.07896	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
803	7	5.43688	0.14109	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
804	7	5.42926	0.03599	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
805	7	5.41288	0.10644	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, RPE
806	7	5.41288	0.10644	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, RPE
807	7	5.40727	0.10598	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, TAL
808	7	5.40727	0.10598	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, TAL
809	7	5.40541	0.10406	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
810	7	5.40329	0.10477	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
811	7	5.40329	0.10477	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
812	7	5.40117	0.10549	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPCK
813	7	5.40117	0.10549	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPCK
814	7	5.38947	0.11011	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
815	7	5.37417	0.11441	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
816	7	5.37043	0.12143	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
817	7	5.37015	0.12013	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
818	7	5.36414	0.12087	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
819	7	5.3573	0.12027	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
820	7	5.3512	0.12232	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z, THD2 and/or GLUDy
821	7	5.35114	0.12824	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
822	7	5.34992	0.12867	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
823	7	5.34421	0.12775	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
824	7	5.34298	0.12817	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
825	7	5.33668	0.12721	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
826	7	5.33544	0.12763	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
827	7	5.32853	0.04869	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
828	7	5.32586	0.13717	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
829	7	5.31986	0.13616	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
830	7	5.31768	0.14006	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
831	7	5.31768	0.14006	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
832	7	5.31338	0.13506	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
833	7	5.31338	0.13506	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
834	7	5.31161	0.139	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
835	7	5.31161	0.139	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
836	7	5.30507	0.13786	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
837	7	5.30507	0.13786	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
838	7	5.30507	0.13786	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
839	7	5.30121	0.14588	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
840	7	5.29298	0.14544	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
841	7	5.29144	0.14245	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
842	7	5.28753	0.08933	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
843	7	5.28422	0.14489	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
844	7	5.28422	0.14489	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
845	7	5.28401	0.14496	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
846	7	5.28401	0.14496	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
847	7	5.27588	0.18393	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
848	7	5.27588	0.18393	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
849	7	5.2736	0.14846	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
850	7	5.25759	0.18586	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
851	7	5.24329	0.06953	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
852	7	5.24057	0.18767	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
853	7	5.23194	0.07004	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
854	7	5.22143	0.07051	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
855	7	5.1096	0.03265	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
856	7	5.07833	0.23187	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
857	7	4.9126	0.20186	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
858	7	4.9126	0.20186	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
859	7	4.89537	0.08136	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
860	7	4.86469	0.20078	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE
861	7	4.86188	0.1035	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
862	7	4.85917	0.04186	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
863	7	4.85917	0.04186	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
864	7	4.84043	0.16101	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
865	7	4.75352	0.20131	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL
866	7	4.6646	0.15914	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
867	7	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
868	7	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
869	7	4.6568	0.25634	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
870	7	4.60984	0.1687	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
871	7	4.60771	0.13834	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
872	7	4.5647	0.0741	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
873	7	4.51839	0.16783	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
874	7	4.48284	0.18237	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK
875	7	4.46608	0.18828	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6
876	7	4.43524	0.31394	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS
877	7	4.43524	0.31394	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
878	7	4.43072	0.22439	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, RPE
879	7	4.41919	0.16689	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
880	7	4.4053	0.01495	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
881	7	4.39394	0.31457	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL
882	7	4.37728	0.02565	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
883	7	4.37061	0.04989	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
884	7	4.36653	0.05265	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
885	7	4.36374	0.03082	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
886	7	4.36277	0.03119	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
887	7	4.35613	0.31514	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE
888	7	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLU5K, GLYCL, LDH_D, PGI
889	7	4.29026	0.24034	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, G5SD, GLYCL, LDH_D, PGI

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
890	7	4.25283	0.07318	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
891	7	4.17894	0.31889	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
892	7	4.17527	0.08598	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
893	7	4.17527	0.08598	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
894	7	4.17215	0.10398	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
895	7	4.15042	0.11229	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
896	7	4.14938	0.11268	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
897	7	4.141	0.08314	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
898	7	4.10258	0.11665	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
899	7	4.08743	0.09886	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
900	7	4.04907	0.15099	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
901	7	4.03008	0.1761	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
902	7	4.01398	0.06136	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
903	7	4.00698	0.18592	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
904	7	4.00128	0.18834	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
905	7	3.95205	0.10694	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGDH, PGI, SUCOAS
906	7	3.94203	0.1079	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGI, SUCOAS, TAL
907	7	3.93273	0.1088	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGI, RPE, SUCOAS
908	7	3.90038	0.04761	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
909	7	3.8947	0.05032	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
910	7	3.8947	0.05032	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
911	7	3.88125	0.03656	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
912	7	3.86624	0.19846	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, CITL, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
913	7	3.82356	0.31976	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
914	7	3.81228	0.08972	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
915	7	3.81228	0.08972	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
916	7	3.77115	0.10937	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
917	7	3.7291	0.12947	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
918	7	3.7245	0.13167	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
919	7	3.68994	0.14818	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
920	7	3.67651	0.1546	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, PYK
921	7	3.67651	0.1546	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
922	7	3.64497	0.19156	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
923	7	3.60739	0.21183	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
924	7	3.41696	0.27865	ADHEr, ALAR, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PRO1z
925	7	3.41696	0.27865	ADHEr, DAAD, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PRO1z
926	7	3.40396	0.28486	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
927	7	3.25909	0.04258	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
928	7	3.25909	0.04258	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
929	7	3.2372	0.06431	ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
930	7	3.2372	0.06431	ADHEr, FBP, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
931	7	3.23399	0.06432	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
932	7	3.23399	0.06432	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
933	7	3.22783	0.06435	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
934	7	3.22783	0.06435	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
935	7	3.01859	0.19992	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
936	7	3.00174	0.19757	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
937	7	3.00174	0.19757	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
938	7	2.96091	0.22716	ADHEr, FUM, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
939	7	2.93716	0.22721	ADHEr, FUM, GLU5K, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
940	7	2.93716	0.22721	ADHEr, FUM, G5SD, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
941	7	2.93711	0.22724	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
942	7	2.7731	0.32129	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
943	7	2.7731	0.32129	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
944	7	2.68652	0.29222	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
945	7	2.62059	0.29297	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
946	7	2.35991	0.29396	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, RPE, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
947	7	2.35766	0.29368	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, SUCOAS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
948	7	2.3552	0.29337	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
949	7	2.3552	0.29337	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
950	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
951	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
952	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
953	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
954	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
955	7	1.91133	0.2766	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
956	7	1.86676	0.2774	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
957	7	1.86676	0.2774	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
958	7	1.86676	0.2774	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
959	7	1.8259	0.27813	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
960	7	1.8259	0.27813	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
961	7	1.8259	0.27813	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
962	7	1.11652	0.25888	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
963	7	1.11652	0.25888	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
964	5	7.09275	0.11213	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
965	5	6.00696	0.20464	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
966	5	5.40138	0.11184	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
967	5	2.59719	0.29318	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
968	5	2.57488	0.22587	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
969	5	0.16844	0.19119	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi
970	6	7.39516	0.07475	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
971	6	7.007	0.09285	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
972	6	6.90414	0.13454	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
973	6	6.57261	0.1606	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
974	6	6.00781	0.09114	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
975	6	6.00781	0.09114	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
976	6	5.39072	0.10901	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
977	6	5.38861	0.10972	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
978	6	5.38861	0.10972	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
979	6	5.06553	0.21856	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
980	6	5.00212	0.2515	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
981	6	4.98367	0.25221	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
982	6	4.96609	0.25206	ADHEr, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
983	6	4.96609	0.25206	ADHEr, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
984	6	4.96599	0.2521	ADHEr, ASNS2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
985	6	4.95562	0.24186	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
986	6	2.71835	0.29123	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE
987	6	2.66849	0.22473	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE
988	6	2.66076	0.29216	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, TAL
989	6	1.85699	0.28717	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, SUCOAS
990	6	1.63724	0.03081	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
991	6	1.63724	0.03081	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
992	6	1.38263	0.33268	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
993	6	0.25855	0.07515	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi
994	7	7.86642	0.01651	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PYK
995	7	7.71509	0.0515	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, PPS
996	7	7.70416	0.03656	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
997	7	7.48515	0.04452	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
998	7	7.44181	0.09832	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
999	7	7.06656	0.04513	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
1000	7	7.00811	0.04002	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1001	7	7.00811	0.04002	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1002	7	7.00532	0.07752	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
1003	7	6.99105	0.04159	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1004	7	6.96695	0.09776	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
1005	7	6.69345	0.1479	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1006	7	6.49322	0.12467	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS
1007	7	6.43565	0.1244	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
1008	7	6.21891	0.18801	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PPS
1009	7	6.21891	0.18801	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
1010	7	6.21459	0.18835	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS, TAL
1011	7	6.21064	0.18866	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS, RPE
1012	7	6.16665	0.08397	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
1013	7	6.13458	0.01447	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
1014	7	6.13051	0.01457	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
1015	7	6.13051	0.01457	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
1016	7	5.49961	0.07232	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1017	7	5.49821	0.07279	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1018	7	5.49821	0.07279	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
1019	7	5.22113	0.16614	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1020	7	5.17418	0.18196	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
1021	7	5.15097	0.18978	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1022	7	4.01417	0.12149	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1023	7	3.75439	0.27459	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS
1024	7	3.75439	0.27459	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPS
1025	7	2.64048	0.21814	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, TAL
1026	7	2.64048	0.21814	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPCK, TAL
1027	7	2.62716	0.22497	ADHEr, GLYCL, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL
1028	7	1.5697	0.24425	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1029	7	1.09053	0.33566	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPS
1030	7	1.09053	0.33566	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
1031	7	0.78572	0.33663	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, TAL

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1032	7	0.50621	0.33751	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, RPE
1033	8	7.88716	0.0204	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
1034	8	7.88653	0.02051	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, POX
1035	8	7.88026	0.02165	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1036	8	7.84104	0.02874	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, PPS
1037	8	7.80925	0.03448	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
1038	8	7.80925	0.03448	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
1039	8	7.67439	0.05735	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
1040	8	7.42051	0.09374	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS
1041	8	7.32674	0.0933	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
1042	8	6.93593	0.04641	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1043	8	6.58791	0.09796	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
1044	8	6.58791	0.09796	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PPS
1045	8	6.5802	0.09979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS, TAL
1046	8	6.57291	0.10152	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPS, RPE
1047	8	5.75656	0.15131	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1048	8	5.74602	0.16073	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1049	8	5.67321	0.16148	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1050	8	5.60169	0.03793	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
1051	8	5.60169	0.03793	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
1052	8	5.56692	0.04965	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
1053	8	5.56692	0.04965	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, PYK
1054	8	5.50925	0.07241	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1055	8	5.50597	0.07191	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1056	8	5.50242	0.07138	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1057	8	5.50242	0.07138	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1058	8	5.44507	0.0907	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1059	8	5.37306	0.11496	ADHEr, DAAD, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z
1060	8	5.37306	0.11496	ADHEr, ALAR, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z
1061	8	5.33606	0.12742	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PYK
1062	8	5.17764	0.18079	ADHEr, DAAD, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z
1063	8	5.17764	0.18079	ADHEr, ALAR, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z
1064	8	5.17492	0.2398	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1065	8	4.65995	0.20434	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPS, RPE
1066	8	4.6123	0.20163	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPS, TAL
1067	8	4.56149	0.19874	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, PPS
1068	8	4.13777	0.23628	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, RPE
1069	8	4.06785	0.23403	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, TAL
1070	8	4.04062	0.10178	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PDH, PFLi, PPS
1071	8	4.04062	0.10178	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PDH, PFLi, PPS
1072	8	3.9927	0.23161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
1073	8	3.9927	0.23161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPS
1074	8	2.03637	0.11796	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1075	8	1.98516	0.11932	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1076	8	1.93743	0.12058	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FBP, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1077	8	1.76983	0.24401	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1078	8	1.5107	0.31956	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1079	8	1.5107	0.31956	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PGDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1080	8	1.45644	0.3201	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPS, TAL
1081	8	1.45644	0.3201	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, TAL
1082	3	0.165681142	0.248770484	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
1083	3	2.792461067	0.310192487	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D
1084	4	0.245091981	0.278197481	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D
1085	4	1.163607813	0.384018912	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D
1086	4	2.27265597	0.332308612	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6
1087	4	1.260046787	0.384504476	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT1
1088	4	1.454891201	0.378757536	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT2
1089	4	2.042634808	0.153142196	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
1090	4	2.041701304	0.149789093	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK
1091	4	0.270967943	0.244721556	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
1092	4	2.907366868	0.244293538	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
1093	4	0.363337262	0.340044232	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
1094	4	2.907366868	0.244293538	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
1095	4	2.085082479	0.31290916	ADHEr, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
1096	4	2.881545955	0.259101938	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
1097	4	3.647199605	0.168610416	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
1098	4	2.774595569	0.320438424	ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6
1099	4	3.335904914	0.317384404	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
1100	4	3.331989713	0.319255557	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
1101	4	2.224731454	0.327457036	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
1102	4	0.23734264	0.246014656	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
1103	4	0.454138927	0.26931886	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
1104	4	0.413317212	0.38682004	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS
1105	4	2.860294682	0.306273023	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, RPE
1106	4	2.808840722	0.300798688	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D
1107	4	2.817574813	0.295789651	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D
1108	4	2.916137696	0.239263432	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
1109	4	2.973865652	0.206156212	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK
1110	4	2.892050239	0.30443817	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT2
1111	4	0.203360099	0.247321495	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
1112	4	2.117903686	0.331070152	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
1113	4	0.34884992	0.271004016	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
1114	4	2.828154021	0.308130129	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TAL
1115	4	0.203360099	0.247321495	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
1116	4	2.117903686	0.331070152	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
1117	4	0.34884992	0.271004016	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
1118	4	2.828154021	0.308130129	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT1
1119	5	3.948360602	0.222825522	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
1120	5	3.966967048	0.182343827	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
1121	5	3.752898719	0.126622688	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
1122	5	4.408716092	0.258053531	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1123	5	6.415221004	0.039824926	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1124	5	2.983060356	0.241650921	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
1125	5	2.997718029	0.231538695	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
1126	5	2.937396425	0.227071464	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1127	5	3.001461104	0.190330107	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1128	5	2.935886887	0.22793719	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1129	5	3.081083028	0.144666606	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1130	5	2.988449413	0.197792365	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PRO1z, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1131	5	2.948350239	0.234817401	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1132	5	3.101419157	0.133003752	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1133	5	2.948350239	0.234817401	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1

TABLE 14-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of 6-ACA, showing yields of 6-ACA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	6ACA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1134	5	2.983060356	0.241650921	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT2
1135	5	2.916137696	0.239263432	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, ME2
1136	5	3.711787388	0.165696592	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
1137	5	3.457829994	0.311699463	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
1138	5	3.451407023	0.315392099	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
1139	5	3.543757983	0.262298527	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT2
1140	5	3.445461549	0.265025086	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
1141	5	3.609567252	0.224464061	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT2
1142	5	3.691174432	0.166626529	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
1143	5	3.065706296	0.153485225	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
1144	5	3.071383178	0.15022951	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
1145	5	5.367175665	0.178044995	ADHEr, CBMK2, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
1146	5	5.888703714	0.106589745	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
1147	5	3.110919215	0.148780301	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
1148	5	2.958795095	0.242498072	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
1149	5	2.958795095	0.242498072	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
1150	5	2.936051582	0.257223558	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE
1151	5	3.418935049	0.313512999	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
1152	5	3.413158878	0.316629525	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
1153	5	2.967063614	0.237144547	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
1154	5	3.018085814	0.204109778	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
1155	5	3.009552774	0.185689501	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
1156	5	3.009552774	0.185689501	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
1157	5	2.991038247	0.23614703	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
1158	5	2.961772661	0.256337155	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT2
1159	5	3.106778446	0.151550201	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PGI
1160	5	3.04583421	0.164881948	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
1161	5	3.038870487	0.203147899	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
1162	5	3.886386663	0.225053566	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
1163	5	3.670328799	0.167566962	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
1164	5	3.480501908	0.264053132	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
1165	5	3.554829627	0.226273464	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
1166	5	2.942885577	0.238150528	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
1167	5	2.99710338	0.20508081	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
1168	5	3.964901837	0.267840742	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1169	5	3.00074032	0.229453637	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
1170	5	4.557091208	0.201359081	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1171	5	2.935925119	0.227915263	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1172	5	2.97971305	0.22895456	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1173	5	2.958777052	0.228457649	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
1174	5	3.886386663	0.225053566	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
1175	5	2.934359102	0.243351183	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
1176	5	2.934359102	0.243351183	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT1
1177	5	3.670328799	0.167566962	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
1178	5	3.379584856	0.31534776	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
1179	5	3.374609422	0.317876699	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
1180	5	3.480501908	0.264053132	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT1
1181	5	3.554829627	0.226273464	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT1
1182	5	2.942885577	0.238150528	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
1183	5	2.99710338	0.20508081	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
1184	5	2.958777052	0.228457649	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1

TABLE 15

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1	3	5.47908	0.34054	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6
2	3	4.26684	0.28031	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
3	3	2.76166	0.38773	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D
4	3	1.54669	0.25966	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI
5	3	1.33726	0.37808	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D
6	3	0.83242	0.38953	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D
7	4	7.52636	0.16586	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
8	4	6.84269	0.27849	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
9	4	6.5702	0.20631	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH
10	4	6.16994	0.16614	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
11	4	6.0882	0.30766	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
12	4	5.87407	0.22728	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
13	4	5.68406	0.28176	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
14	4	5.62555	0.33704	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
15	4	5.60596	0.30416	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
16	4	5.55606	0.3387	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
17	4	5.54557	0.32148	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
18	4	5.16028	0.24175	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
19	4	4.91511	0.27067	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
20	4	4.3568	0.24592	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
21	4	4.35358	0.27902	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
22	4	4.34095	0.25198	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
23	4	4.34095	0.25198	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
24	4	4.28493	0.2734	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
25	4	4.0889	0.34834	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
26	4	3.25969	0.38161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, RPE
27	4	3.18007	0.37054	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
28	4	3.11658	0.34524	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
29	4	3.02411	0.3845	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TAL
30	4	1.1506	0.38695	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
31	4	0.99936	0.38818	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
32	5	7.63281	0.14897	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
33	5	7.60368	0.23979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
34	5	7.25714	0.17876	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
35	5	7.21061	0.18996	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
36	5	7.21061	0.18996	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
37	5	7.11676	0.21254	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
38	5	7.10568	0.21521	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
39	5	6.9706	0.24771	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
40	5	6.90675	0.27577	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
41	5	6.83498	0.1681	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
42	5	6.80758	0.29402	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
43	5	6.79015	0.29114	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
44	5	6.76743	0.17785	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
45	5	6.76201	0.23293	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
46	5	6.66991	0.23493	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
47	5	6.66754	0.2967	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
48	5	6.57746	0.21333	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
49	5	6.34963	0.21785	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
50	5	6.225	0.14772	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
51	5	6.18982	0.20058	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
52	5	6.18254	0.21218	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
53	5	6.18254	0.21218	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
54	5	5.99792	0.19177	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
55	5	5.97051	0.22537	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
56	5	5.92744	0.32733	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
57	5	5.92472	0.22627	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
58	5	5.81113	0.24533	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
59	5	5.80132	0.28014	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
60	5	5.74556	0.28091	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
61	5	5.74235	0.20973	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
62	5	5.73575	0.30136	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
63	5	5.72421	0.22208	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
64	5	5.72421	0.22208	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
65	5	5.68542	0.31766	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
66	5	5.67414	0.30269	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
67	5	5.62871	0.29764	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
68	5	5.61913	0.31947	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
69	5	5.56433	0.06187	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
70	5	5.53618	0.32417	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
71	5	5.36114	0.24084	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE

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Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
72	5	5.35732	0.32317	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
73	5	5.29193	0.25262	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
74	5	5.26552	0.24127	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL
75	5	5.23886	0.36027	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS
76	5	5.2123	0.3202	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
77	5	5.20628	0.31113	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
78	5	5.20628	0.31113	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
79	5	5.00885	0.16853	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
80	5	4.73325	0.11896	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
81	5	4.71871	0.12544	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
82	5	4.71871	0.12544	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
83	5	4.46543	0.20438	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
84	5	4.45303	0.23609	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
85	5	4.44799	0.21105	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
86	5	4.43313	0.21674	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
87	5	4.43313	0.21674	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
88	5	4.43289	0.24479	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
89	5	4.42239	0.22084	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
90	5	4.4202	0.25027	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
91	5	4.4202	0.25027	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
92	5	4.41922	0.25069	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
93	5	4.41348	0.22425	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
94	5	4.41348	0.22425	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
95	5	4.3742	0.27012	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
96	5	4.34566	0.25018	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
97	5	4.22695	0.31979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
98	5	4.21297	0.36989	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
99	5	4.19799	0.34618	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
100	5	4.15986	0.32121	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
101	5	4.14613	0.34721	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
102	5	4.14548	0.36885	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
103	5	4.09366	0.36854	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
104	5	4.03694	0.36821	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
105	5	4.03694	0.36821	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
106	5	3.55579	0.34037	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
107	5	3.35244	0.11579	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
108	5	3.34785	0.34268	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
109	5	2.86477	0.08801	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, PGI
110	5	1.41816	0.36252	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
111	5	1.41816	0.36252	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, TAL
112	6	8.40974	0.12863	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
113	6	8.3656	0.13555	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
114	6	8.3656	0.13555	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
115	6	8.30583	0.11621	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
116	6	8.24494	0.15445	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
117	6	7.99084	0.19426	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
118	6	7.9508	0.20053	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
119	6	7.92831	0.12763	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
120	6	7.91305	0.13531	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
121	6	7.91305	0.13531	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
122	6	7.87012	0.02274	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
123	6	7.7587	0.21695	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
124	6	7.75003	0.03607	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
125	6	7.74149	0.21948	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
126	6	7.7368	0.0672	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
127	6	7.72197	0.07098	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
128	6	7.72197	0.07098	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
129	6	7.67273	0.08355	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
130	6	7.64843	0.19881	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
131	6	7.61824	0.14232	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
132	6	7.60825	0.2542	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
133	6	7.5467	0.16899	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
134	6	7.48349	0.12429	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
135	6	7.4685	0.07894	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
136	6	7.4685	0.07894	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
137	6	7.44298	0.08037	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
138	6	7.40415	0.13677	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
139	6	7.4	0.14438	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
140	6	7.36241	0.15343	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
141	6	7.36241	0.15343	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
142	6	7.27527	0.1744	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
143	6	7.27448	0.17459	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
144	6	7.24864	0.17893	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
145	6	7.24278	0.26146	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
146	6	7.20895	0.28496	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
147	6	7.18819	0.12101	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
148	6	7.17088	0.20914	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
149	6	7.15564	0.2082	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
150	6	7.1458	0.12325	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
151	6	7.13909	0.20717	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
152	6	7.12504	0.22071	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
153	6	7.10894	0.21971	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
154	6	7.09146	0.21863	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
155	6	7.09146	0.21863	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
156	6	7.0863	0.31638	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
157	6	7.06893	0.22405	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
158	6	7.054	0.1365	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
159	6	7.02653	0.24555	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
160	6	6.99568	0.14491	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
161	6	6.92353	0.16046	ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
162	6	6.90243	0.27063	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
163	6	6.8314	0.18819	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
164	6	6.79251	0.30763	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
165	6	6.70257	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
166	6	6.70257	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
167	6	6.66743	0.21154	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
168	6	6.63518	0.21218	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
169	6	6.48093	0.19172	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
170	6	6.48093	0.19172	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK
171	6	6.44865	0.19659	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
172	6	6.44275	0.19249	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
173	6	6.40767	0.1932	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
174	6	6.33204	0.06396	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
175	6	6.28774	0.02127	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
176	6	6.27764	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
177	6	6.27764	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH
178	6	6.21873	0.32483	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
179	6	6.16484	0.32529	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
180	6	6.12301	0.15589	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
181	6	6.09151	0.3086	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
182	6	6.08785	0.16598	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
183	6	6.08785	0.16598	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
184	6	6.07929	0.19015	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
185	6	6.0681	0.17164	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
186	6	6.04302	0.20189	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
187	6	6.01911	0.18569	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK
188	6	6.01911	0.18569	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK

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New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
189	6	5.98595	0.1952	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
190	6	5.93003	0.21123	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
191	6	5.91322	0.24391	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
192	6	5.89537	0.30664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
193	6	5.86467	0.24459	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
194	6	5.8616	0.12855	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
195	6	5.8616	0.12855	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
196	6	5.75652	0.29464	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
197	6	5.71417	0.25845	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
198	6	5.69588	0.29606	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
199	6	5.53662	0.35787	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, RPE
200	6	5.4724	0.31504	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE
201	6	5.46402	0.30945	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE
202	6	5.46402	0.30945	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE
203	6	5.39509	0.35901	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, TAL
204	6	5.34939	0.31748	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, TAL
205	6	5.34143	0.31025	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL
206	6	5.34143	0.31025	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, TAL
207	6	5.07203	0.20521	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
208	6	5.07203	0.20521	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
209	6	5.04668	0.20656	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, TAL
210	6	5.04668	0.20656	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, TAL
211	6	5.02327	0.2078	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, RPE
212	6	5.02327	0.2078	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, RPE
213	6	4.96889	0.09918	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
214	6	4.92469	0.33322	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
215	6	4.92469	0.33322	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
216	6	4.8531	0.05616	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
217	6	4.8531	0.05616	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
218	6	4.80931	0.34014	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
219	6	4.69982	0.3467	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
220	6	4.69121	0.11806	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
221	6	4.64152	0.13706	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
222	6	4.64152	0.13706	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
223	6	4.6299	0.1415	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
224	6	4.6299	0.1415	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
225	6	4.60999	0.16834	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
226	6	4.60999	0.16834	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
227	6	4.52953	0.20307	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
228	6	4.5125	0.21043	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
229	6	4.50129	0.21526	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
230	6	4.50129	0.21526	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
231	6	4.49048	0.21993	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
232	6	4.48211	0.22354	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, RPE
233	6	4.48211	0.22354	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, RPE
234	6	4.42882	0.24654	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
235	6	4.36373	0.24327	ADHEr, FUM, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
236	6	4.35757	0.26123	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
237	6	4.31718	0.27765	ADHEr, ASNS2, GLU5K, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
238	6	4.31718	0.27765	ADHEr, ASNS2, G5SD, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
239	6	4.2573	0.32058	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
240	6	4.22017	0.33524	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
241	6	4.17617	0.33499	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
242	6	4.12454	0.33472	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
243	6	4.12454	0.33472	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
244	6	3.51205	0.21436	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
245	6	3.23372	0.26787	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
246	6	2.95584	0.24016	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPS
247	6	2.95584	0.24016	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPS

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
248	7	9.10608	0.01953	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
249	7	9.10608	0.01953	ADHEr, FUM, GLUDy, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
250	7	9.00855	0.03482	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
251	7	8.9957	0.03683	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
252	7	8.9957	0.03683	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
253	7	8.98751	0.03811	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
254	7	8.98549	0.03843	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
255	7	8.78817	0.06934	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
256	7	8.78695	0.06953	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
257	7	8.78371	0.07004	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
258	7	8.78071	0.07051	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
259	7	8.7615	0.07352	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
260	7	8.7615	0.07352	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
261	7	8.5647	0.10435	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
262	7	8.54703	0.10712	ADHEr, GLCpts, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
263	7	8.53424	0.10913	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
264	7	8.53424	0.10913	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
265	7	8.50919	0.10634	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
266	7	8.50798	0.11324	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
267	7	8.50798	0.11324	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
268	7	8.43629	0.12447	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
269	7	8.38405	0.13266	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
270	7	8.37888	0.03978	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
271	7	8.29239	0.14702	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
272	7	8.27109	0.10802	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
273	7	8.25238	0.15328	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
274	7	8.24277	0.01559	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
275	7	8.13676	0.03579	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
276	7	8.112	0.11376	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
277	7	8.112	0.11376	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
278	7	8.02815	0.13154	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
279	7	8.00984	0.13929	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
280	7	8.0064	0.13951	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
281	7	8.0064	0.13951	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
282	7	7.98007	0.18432	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
283	7	7.97463	0.15783	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
284	7	7.90344	0.19562	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
285	7	7.89808	0.01471	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
286	7	7.89024	0.02802	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
287	7	7.88378	0.02967	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
288	7	7.88242	0.11605	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
289	7	7.87634	0.01837	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
290	7	7.87634	0.01837	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK
291	7	7.84906	0.21647	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
292	7	7.84582	0.02225	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
293	7	7.81872	0.2081	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPS
294	7	7.7627	0.0571	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
295	7	7.7627	0.0571	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
296	7	7.76232	0.02662	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
297	7	7.74907	0.0281	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
298	7	7.74444	0.06699	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
299	7	7.71368	0.10674	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
300	7	7.69617	0.04384	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
301	7	7.69209	0.0741	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
302	7	7.61698	0.05527	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
303	7	7.58851	0.09902	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
304	7	7.55893	0.07788	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
305	7	7.55773	0.07778	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
306	7	7.55641	0.07767	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
307	7	7.55604	0.07774	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
308	7	7.52827	0.18666	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PPS
309	7	7.5043	0.12303	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
310	7	7.50321	0.07168	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
311	7	7.50183	0.1239	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
312	7	7.49954	0.12472	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
313	7	7.44132	0.08061	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
314	7	7.43036	0.11712	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
315	7	7.38132	0.14888	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PRO1z, THD2 and/or GLUDy
316	7	7.37291	0.17014	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
317	7	7.37059	0.09082	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
318	7	7.3166	0.16445	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
319	7	7.2905	0.10237	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
320	7	7.24864	0.17893	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
321	7	7.2288	0.11128	ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
322	7	7.22725	0.1115	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
323	7	7.21589	0.1796	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
324	7	7.21263	0.18991	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
325	7	7.20753	0.1999	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
326	7	7.20507	0.13919	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
327	7	7.20507	0.13919	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
328	7	7.20053	0.0557	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
329	7	7.20053	0.0557	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
330	7	7.19596	0.14141	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
331	7	7.19261	0.19908	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
332	7	7.18739	0.14349	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
333	7	7.18582	0.18022	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
334	7	7.18081	0.1906	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
335	7	7.17639	0.19819	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
336	7	7.17639	0.19819	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
337	7	7.15844	0.21228	ADHEr, FUM, GLU5K, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
338	7	7.15844	0.21228	ADHEr, FUM, G5SD, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
339	7	7.15832	0.21231	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
340	7	7.15023	0.12261	ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
341	7	7.14754	0.30973	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
342	7	7.12499	0.05298	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
343	7	7.12287	0.13074	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
344	7	7.12019	0.22193	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
345	7	7.11351	0.16642	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
346	7	6.91657	0.2887	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, PPS
347	7	6.89939	0.23701	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
348	7	6.89939	0.23701	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
349	7	6.89939	0.23701	ADHEr, ATPS4r, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
350	7	6.84379	0.18963	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
351	7	6.75658	0.30629	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE
352	7	6.62545	0.08375	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
353	7	6.61503	0.30219	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL
354	7	6.5251	0.02706	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
355	7	6.50064	0.04761	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
356	7	6.49117	0.05032	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
357	7	6.49117	0.05032	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
358	7	6.46411	0.29781	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
359	7	6.46411	0.29781	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS
360	7	6.37646	0.08322	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
361	7	6.37646	0.08322	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
362	7	6.33505	0.15513	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PGI
363	7	6.30836	0.31643	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
364	7	6.30836	0.31643	ADHEr, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
365	7	6.30836	0.31643	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
366	7	6.30836	0.31643	ADHEr, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
367	7	6.29139	0.03885	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
368	7	6.27848	0.32143	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
369	7	6.27504	0.1561	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, TAL
370	7	6.19234	0.13601	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
371	7	6.19234	0.13601	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
372	7	6.18835	0.15484	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
373	7	6.16073	0.14508	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
374	7	6.16073	0.14508	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, PYK
375	7	6.15763	0.16479	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, RPE
376	7	6.15763	0.16479	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, RPE
377	7	6.14691	0.14904	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK
378	7	6.14691	0.14904	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK
379	7	6.14046	0.17035	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
380	7	6.13285	0.17281	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
381	7	6.09969	0.18355	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
382	7	6.09969	0.18355	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
383	7	6.07495	0.19156	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
384	7	6.02503	0.20772	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
385	7	5.9952	0.19254	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
386	7	5.9868	0.32178	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
387	7	5.98012	0.20938	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
388	7	5.94711	0.3261	ADHEr, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
389	7	5.94711	0.3261	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
390	7	5.93766	0.22464	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, THD2 and/or GLUDy
391	7	5.84213	0.21172	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
392	7	5.77732	0.09217	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
393	7	5.77732	0.09217	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
394	7	5.7407	0.18622	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
395	7	5.72608	0.09261	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
396	7	5.67891	0.09302	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
397	7	5.62569	0.20722	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
398	7	5.60804	0.32285	ADHEr, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
399	7	5.60804	0.32285	ADHEr, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
400	7	5.60791	0.32289	ADHEr, ASNS2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
401	7	5.59783	0.33545	ADHEr, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
402	7	5.59783	0.33545	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
403	7	5.58104	0.23062	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
404	7	5.58104	0.23062	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
405	7	5.35846	0.23124	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
406	7	5.27565	0.07793	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
407	7	5.19178	0.1965	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
408	7	5.19178	0.1965	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
409	7	5.16412	0.3061	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
410	7	5.16412	0.3061	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
411	7	5.15646	0.16031	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, TAL
412	7	5.14711	0.23182	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
413	7	5.06593	0.18784	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
414	7	5.06354	0.16677	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLYCL, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
415	7	5.04267	0.18882	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
416	7	5.02125	0.18972	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
417	7	4.56087	0.18955	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
418	7	4.53442	0.18932	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
419	7	4.50549	0.18907	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
420	7	4.50549	0.18907	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
421	7	4.43945	0.24195	ADHEr, FUM, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
422	7	4.33649	0.2698	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, G5SD, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
423	7	4.33649	0.2698	ADHEr, ASNS2, FUM, GLU5K, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
424	7	3.82299	0.23376	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, CITL, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
425	7	3.40957	0.10927	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
426	7	3.40957	0.10927	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
427	7	3.30702	0.26731	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
428	7	1.7546	0.28013	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, CITL, FUM, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
429	7	0.1401	0.25687	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
430	7	0.13962	0.25599	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
431	7	0.13909	0.25503	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
432	7	0.13909	0.25503	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
433	3	0.331362284	0.248770484	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
434	3	4.1886916	0.310192487	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D
435	4	2.773932742	0.386261	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, LDH_D
436	4	2.792658751	0.384018912	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D
437	4	5.490131382	0.33737393	ADHEr, CBMK2, LDH_D, NADH6
438	4	6.078666008	0.168610416	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
439	4	0.474685279	0.246014656	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
440	4	0.406720198	0.247321495	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
441	4	0.406720198	0.247321495	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
442	4	0.541935885	0.244721556	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
443	4	4.227003016	0.295544651	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D
444	4	2.774411941	0.386203624	ADHEr, ATPS4r, G5SD, LDH_D
445	4	2.774411941	0.386203624	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLU5K, LDH_D
446	4	2.552977098	0.152232967	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
447	4	5.500068328	0.33452449	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
448	4	4.226362219	0.295789651	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D
449	4	0.999358709	0.388175844	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT1
450	4	1.300899111	0.38573732	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
451	4	4.374206544	0.239263432	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
452	4	4.29486095	0.269600115	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
453	4	4.488943189	0.195395474	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK
454	4	4.312306765	0.279635371	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
455	4	4.312306765	0.279635371	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
456	4	4.394666553	0.278410255	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
457	4	4.290442023	0.306273023	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, RPE
458	4	4.242231032	0.308130129	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TAL
459	4	3.02411229	0.384504476	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT1
460	4	5.556064858	0.338701395	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
461	4	4.242231032	0.308130129	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT1

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Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
462	4	3.491738883	0.378757536	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT2
463	4	5.694356782	0.335394947	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
464	4	4.338075359	0.30443817	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT2
465	5	3.269904021	0.380186443	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, LDH_D, RPE
466	5	3.035292503	0.383059918	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TAL
467	5	2.786583612	0.384746295	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, GLU5K, LDH_D
468	5	3.035292503	0.383059918	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT1
469	5	4.891772757	0.345085032	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
470	5	4.906959994	0.170872463	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
471	5	2.80469336	0.382577993	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D
472	5	4.199370617	0.306109514	ADHEr, ASNS2, CBMK2, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D
473	5	3.285503322	0.378014123	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D, RPE
474	5	3.052359629	0.380854732	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D, TAL
475	5	2.805163465	0.382521707	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, G5SD, LDH_D
476	5	4.199487305	0.3060649	ADHEr, CBMK2, FRD and/or SUCD4, G5SD, LDH_D
477	5	2.805163465	0.382521707	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, GLU5K, LDH_D
478	5	4.199487305	0.3060649	ADHEr, CBMK2, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLU5K, LDH_D
479	5	5.566341358	0.335567361	ADHEr, CBMK2, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
480	5	6.853869476	0.27580388	ADHEr, CBMK2, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
481	5	3.052359629	0.380854732	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D, TKT1
482	5	5.566341358	0.335567361	ADHEr, CBMK2, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
483	5	3.515194954	0.375215574	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D, TKT2
484	5	4.886253722	0.208900511	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
485	5	4.621960711	0.144538077	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
486	5	6.151957387	0.166626529	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
487	5	6.117214665	0.167566962	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
488	5	0.436376298	0.238196669	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PGDH, TAL
489	5	6.117214665	0.167566962	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
490	5	0.436376298	0.238196669	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PGDH, TKT1
491	5	6.186312313	0.165696592	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
492	5	5.556162772	0.318439293	ADHEr, CBMK2, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
493	5	4.886253722	0.208900511	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
494	5	4.613740943	0.14768079	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
495	5	6.088195155	0.307660476	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
496	5	5.684064939	0.281763084	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
497	5	4.673184878	0.145745102	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PGI
498	5	4.572772914	0.163344346	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
499	5	4.382533025	0.251079405	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
500	5	4.382533025	0.251079405	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
501	5	4.457618973	0.24945663	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
502	5	4.374206544	0.239263432	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, ME2
503	5	4.324805294	0.29144049	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, RPE
504	5	4.278495915	0.29338381	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, TAL
505	5	5.619129051	0.319468644	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
506	5	1.418161594	0.362515745	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, TKT1
507	5	1.418161594	0.362515745	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TKT1
508	5	4.278495915	0.29338381	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, TKT1
509	5	5.750964716	0.315868237	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
510	5	4.370505222	0.289522745	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, TKT2
511	5	2.786583612	0.384746295	ADHEr, ASNS2, ATPS4r, G5SD, LDH_D
512	5	3.270303172	0.380130859	ADHEr, ATPS4r, G5SD, LDH_D, RPE
513	5	3.035729231	0.38300349	ADHEr, ATPS4r, G5SD, LDH_D, TAL
514	5	3.035729231	0.38300349	ADHEr, ATPS4r, G5SD, LDH_D, TKT1
515	5	3.270303172	0.380130859	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLU5K, LDH_D, RPE
516	5	3.035729231	0.38300349	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLU5K, LDH_D, TAL
517	5	4.101998016	0.149473222	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
518	5	5.510369128	0.331570715	ADHEr, CBMK2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
519	5	3.359019108	0.150796918	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
520	5	4.301255739	0.267155156	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
521	5	4.146125845	0.347209192	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT1
522	5	4.24954345	0.345156537	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
523	5	5.64062493	0.332159859	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
524	5	5.573829893	0.333283574	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
525	5	6.871954799	0.271451843	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi

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New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
526	5	1.026318237	0.371585169	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, TAL
527	5	1.026318237	0.371585169	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
528	5	4.321580803	0.292832307	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
529	5	4.27640137	0.294235511	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
530	5	4.292100506	0.270655532	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
531	5	5.573829893	0.333283574	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
532	5	1.026318237	0.371585169	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, TKT1
533	5	1.026318237	0.371585169	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TKT1
534	5	4.27640137	0.294235511	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT1
535	5	4.093661719	0.368542577	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1
536	5	5.706971061	0.331043695	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
537	5	4.366331362	0.291442423	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
538	5	4.197378033	0.36914891	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
539	5	6.584217406	0.204283888	ADHEr, ASPT, CBMK2, LDH_D, MDH
540	5	4.679174494	0.143073998	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
541	5	4.572772914	0.163344346	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
542	5	4.382533025	0.251079405	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
543	5	4.382533025	0.251079405	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT1
544	5	4.457618973	0.24945663	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT2
545	5	4.450595421	0.237144547	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
546	5	4.414328365	0.238150528	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
547	5	6.807575806	0.294019202	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
548	5	5.745562276	0.280910173	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT1
549	5	4.414328365	0.238150528	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
550	5	6.455745341	0.299423269	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
551	5	5.856779801	0.27936769	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT2
552	5	4.486557371	0.23614703	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
553	5	6.254106519	0.315300181	ADHEr, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
554	5	4.339242812	0.268682419	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TAL
555	5	6.224794308	0.229694348	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
556	5	6.876353164	0.277060587	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
557	5	7.122630133	0.211129547	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi
558	5	4.216706856	0.262624991	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
559	5	5.563197905	0.034931763	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
560	5	5.66839105	0.263566425	ADHEr, LDH_D, ME2, PGL and/or G6PDHy, THD2 and/or GLUDy
561	5	4.552158784	0.193305823	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
562	5	4.522175259	0.194296957	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
563	5	5.924716044	0.226273464	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT1
564	5	5.265518204	0.241270472	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TKT1
565	5	4.522175259	0.194296957	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
566	5	6.01594542	0.224464061	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT2
567	5	5.456414614	0.240407987	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TKT2
568	5	4.581837961	0.192324751	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
569	5	3.352437372	0.115790546	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
570	5	4.568751314	0.164881948	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
571	5	4.379456454	0.26785091	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE
572	5	3.035729231	0.38300349	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLU5K, LDH_D, TKT1
573	5	6.876353164	0.277060587	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TKT1
574	5	4.339242812	0.268682419	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT1
575	5	4.419421961	0.267024532	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT2
576	5	6.185324416	0.166037364	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, TKT2
577	5	6.936871903	0.274483161	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TKT2
578	6	7.614634412	0.238178822	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
579	6	7.603679301	0.239793337	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
580	6	7.269154045	0.188693079	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, TKT2
581	6	7.539172655	0.163831584	ADHEr, ASNS2, CBMK2, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
582	6	7.539312732	0.163809352	ADHEr, CBMK2, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
583	6	7.539312732	0.163809352	ADHEr, CBMK2, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
584	6	7.497875069	0.097945448	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
585	6	7.316598461	0.164453176	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
586	6	7.269154045	0.188693079	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, TKT2
587	6	7.389036066	0.088156259	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2

TABLE 15-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of adipate, showing yields of adipate and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	Adipate. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
				and/or GLUDy
588	6	8.258765764	0.152284822	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
589	6	8.999143093	0.036289126	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 16

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
1	3	2.32302	0.35737	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6
2	3	2.12864	0.28397	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK
3	3	1.2553	0.38773	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D
4	3	1.11254	0.26898	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D
5	3	0.67068	0.37924	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D
6	3	0.57155	0.26988	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI
7	3	0.27747	0.38953	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D
8	4	4.46145	0.20591	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
9	4	4.38802	0.23398	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D
10	4	4.03852	0.23697	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI
11	4	3.73656	0.30662	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
12	4	3.05653	0.20692	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK
13	4	2.59406	0.20532	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
14	4	2.58406	0.27187	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH
15	4	2.46512	0.26229	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
16	4	2.41847	0.29351	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
17	4	2.38828	0.35417	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
18	4	2.29878	0.17947	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
19	4	2.17588	0.24785	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
20	4	2.14745	0.26084	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
21	4	2.03987	0.35185	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
22	4	1.48168	0.38161	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, RPE
23	4	1.47082	0.28924	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
24	4	1.3746	0.3845	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TAL
25	4	1.26025	0.2616	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, SUCOAS
26	4	0.939	0.26603	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
27	4	0.76149	0.2867	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D
28	4	0.38353	0.38695	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
29	4	0.33312	0.38818	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
30	5	5.53962	0.16718	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
31	5	5.40224	0.22385	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
32	5	5.13405	0.1802	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
33	5	5.0304	0.08351	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK
34	5	4.96585	0.07704	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
35	5	4.88127	0.20295	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
36	5	4.78114	0.2037	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
37	5	4.75518	0.09361	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
38	5	4.61203	0.20383	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
39	5	4.60391	0.15144	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
40	5	4.56119	0.16777	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
41	5	4.52834	0.20359	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
42	5	4.51845	0.20259	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
43	5	4.46585	0.23056	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
44	5	4.45522	0.22919	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS
45	5	4.44183	0.21341	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
46	5	4.44155	0.21352	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D
47	5	4.42059	0.20565	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
48	5	4.36907	0.15859	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
49	5	4.36067	0.16481	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
50	5	4.33827	0.24026	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
51	5	4.24585	0.21569	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH
52	5	4.24585	0.21569	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH
53	5	4.24585	0.21569	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH
54	5	4.21843	0.08488	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
55	5	4.18265	0.21782	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH
56	5	4.13301	0.24796	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
57	5	4.03737	0.23515	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
58	5	4.02056	0.22023	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
59	5	4.0188	0.18437	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
60	5	3.96576	0.20734	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
61	5	3.96576	0.20734	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
62	5	3.96266	0.23773	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
63	5	3.92623	0.22446	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
64	5	3.81332	0.27196	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
65	5	3.81332	0.27196	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
66	5	3.79273	0.28229	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
67	5	3.77686	0.28031	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
68	5	3.74717	0.3358	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
69	5	3.69789	0.22154	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
70	5	3.69693	0.23186	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH
71	5	3.57925	0.1851	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
72	5	3.55622	0.22164	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
73	5	3.55622	0.22164	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
74	5	3.51036	0.26322	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
75	5	3.44912	0.18587	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
76	5	3.44912	0.18587	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
77	5	3.23914	0.31877	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6
78	5	3.23669	0.2512	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
79	5	3.22027	0.23733	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
80	5	3.21813	0.22145	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
81	5	3.20482	0.28717	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, SUCOAS
82	5	3.19987	0.14763	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
83	5	3.04087	0.23963	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
84	5	3.04087	0.23963	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
85	5	3.01019	0.28849	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
86	5	2.94161	0.20506	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
87	5	2.88011	0.33864	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
88	5	2.85293	0.25411	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
89	5	2.75034	0.26847	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
90	5	2.74759	0.33105	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
91	5	2.67997	0.17637	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
92	5	2.67853	0.21976	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
93	5	2.65374	0.15874	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK
94	5	2.65207	0.23435	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
95	5	2.64298	0.23937	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
96	5	2.63715	0.26997	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
97	5	2.60095	0.33049	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
98	5	2.52584	0.22167	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK
99	5	2.5171	0.22752	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
100	5	2.48801	0.24981	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
101	5	2.47253	0.25734	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
102	5	2.47049	0.29207	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
103	5	2.38845	0.0995	ADHEr, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
104	5	2.3823	0.10498	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
105	5	2.3823	0.10498	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
106	5	2.37356	0.34412	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
107	5	2.36643	0.29114	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
108	5	2.33103	0.23832	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
109	5	2.32447	0.13422	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
110	5	2.29184	0.29402	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
111	5	2.282	0.28884	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
112	5	2.22251	0.2967	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
113	5	2.22197	0.24001	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
114	5	2.21206	0.24857	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
115	5	2.20561	0.23941	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
116	5	2.20149	0.22826	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
117	5	2.20149	0.22826	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
118	5	2.19372	0.24909	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
119	5	2.19132	0.23604	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
120	5	2.19132	0.23604	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
121	5	2.18792	0.26941	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
122	5	2.18792	0.26941	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, RPE
123	5	2.18777	0.23875	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
124	5	2.09486	0.34975	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
125	5	1.89618	0.34765	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
126	5	1.74629	0.36027	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS
127	5	1.73743	0.3202	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
128	5	1.73543	0.31113	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
129	5	1.69405	0.23402	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
130	5	1.68439	0.23524	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, TAL
131	5	1.67549	0.23637	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, RPE
132	5	1.66962	0.16853	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
133	5	1.66579	0.35584	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
134	5	1.44831	0.25358	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, SUCOAS
135	5	1.40898	0.31979	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
136	5	1.33078	0.25859	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, SUCOAS
137	5	1.28594	0.26157	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D
138	5	1.28594	0.26157	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS
139	5	1.15083	0.26676	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, SUCOAS
140	5	1.08556	0.26021	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
141	5	1.08281	0.26394	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
142	5	0.81325	0.32358	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS
143	5	0.73764	0.26814	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD5
144	5	0.73764	0.26814	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
145	6	6.49204	0.11612	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
146	6	6.18999	0.07445	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
147	6	6.1414	0.1578	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
148	6	5.80857	0.1099	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
149	6	5.62948	0.09192	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
150	6	5.60131	0.13875	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
151	6	5.59693	0.15008	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
152	6	5.56181	0.13846	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
153	6	5.52668	0.15619	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
154	6	5.52416	0.10076	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI
155	6	5.44943	0.16764	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
156	6	5.43906	0.17387	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, MDH
157	6	5.43906	0.17387	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, ICL, LDH_D, MDH
158	6	5.43906	0.17387	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MALS, MDH
159	6	5.4269	0.11474	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
160	6	5.39974	0.15728	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
161	6	5.39974	0.15728	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
162	6	5.36516	0.17457	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
163	6	5.29594	0.12992	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PYK
164	6	5.28218	0.07163	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
165	6	5.28218	0.07163	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK
166	6	5.27982	0.10569	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
167	6	5.27077	0.07217	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
168	6	5.26177	0.14053	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
169	6	5.26021	0.07267	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
170	6	5.22996	0.24218	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
171	6	5.22996	0.24218	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
172	6	5.10795	0.18114	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
173	6	5.07418	0.20379	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS
174	6	5.05205	0.12049	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK
175	6	5.02318	0.17043	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
176	6	5.02318	0.17043	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
177	6	4.96023	0.0152	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
178	6	4.96019	0.14703	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
179	6	4.95227	0.18511	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
180	6	4.94767	0.18905	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
181	6	4.94078	0.08876	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
182	6	4.88378	0.08315	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
183	6	4.88138	0.0499	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
184	6	4.8705	0.04951	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
185	6	4.86653	0.05103	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
186	6	4.86653	0.05103	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
187	6	4.85555	0.05127	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
188	6	4.81179	0.07918	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
189	6	4.80834	0.05481	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
190	6	4.80834	0.05481	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
191	6	4.80546	0.08184	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
192	6	4.79254	0.05156	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
193	6	4.7879	0.08109	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
194	6	4.7879	0.08109	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
195	6	4.7863	0.15759	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
196	6	4.78022	0.08403	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
197	6	4.78022	0.08403	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
198	6	4.75362	0.1717	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS
199	6	4.74482	0.14204	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
200	6	4.74482	0.14204	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
201	6	4.71665	0.15772	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
202	6	4.71665	0.15772	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
203	6	4.67938	0.12258	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
204	6	4.67056	0.08187	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
205	6	4.65509	0.08572	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
206	6	4.65177	0.09959	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
207	6	4.64856	0.19942	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
208	6	4.64527	0.14923	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
209	6	4.62501	0.24401	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
210	6	4.61569	0.16588	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
211	6	4.58364	0.20034	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
212	6	4.54149	0.17531	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
213	6	4.53277	0.1423	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
214	6	4.53052	0.2259	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, SUCOAS
215	6	4.52789	0.16756	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
216	6	4.52733	0.16694	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
217	6	4.50564	0.17546	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, SUCOAS
218	6	4.48785	0.20333	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
219	6	4.45673	0.0937	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
220	6	4.44964	0.1574	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
221	6	4.38551	0.17574	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MALS, MDH
222	6	4.38551	0.17574	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
223	6	4.38551	0.17574	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, ICL, LDH_D, MDH
224	6	4.3659	0.18135	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PYK
225	6	4.3659	0.18135	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
226	6	4.3659	0.18135	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
227	6	4.35016	0.23064	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, SUCOAS
228	6	4.34833	0.1713	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
229	6	4.34286	0.23323	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS
230	6	4.33401	0.17749	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
231	6	4.31842	0.21314	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
232	6	4.31842	0.21314	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, RPE
233	6	4.31842	0.21314	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, RPE

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
234	6	4.31517	0.18251	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
235	6	4.27405	0.08431	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
236	6	4.25521	0.17069	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
237	6	4.25521	0.17069	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
238	6	4.23738	0.22036	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
239	6	4.23738	0.22036	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD5
240	6	4.21937	0.24412	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
241	6	4.20848	0.22638	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
242	6	4.1949	0.21515	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
243	6	4.193	0.22615	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
244	6	4.18464	0.18833	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
245	6	4.17022	0.12602	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
246	6	4.15452	0.23423	ACKr and/or PTAr, ACS, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI
247	6	4.13958	0.1401	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
248	6	4.12806	0.09037	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
249	6	4.10281	0.14798	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
250	6	4.09944	0.14944	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, PYK
251	6	4.09149	0.20644	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
252	6	4.08305	0.24974	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
253	6	4.07707	0.21283	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
254	6	4.07083	0.2483	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FDH2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
255	6	4.0547	0.15755	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH, PGI
256	6	4.04976	0.14332	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGDH, PGI, PPCK
257	6	4.04925	0.17118	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
258	6	4.04925	0.17118	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
259	6	4.04921	0.20443	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
260	6	4.04921	0.20443	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
261	6	4.04701	0.15816	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, TAL
262	6	4.04276	0.14386	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, TAL
263	6	4.03993	0.15872	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI, RPE
264	6	4.03632	0.14436	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK, RPE
265	6	4.01325	0.18677	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
266	6	3.99577	0.19434	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
267	6	3.97712	0.21218	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
268	6	3.96781	0.21154	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL
269	6	3.95767	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
270	6	3.95767	0.21085	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH, PPCK
271	6	3.95117	0.22396	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
272	6	3.94143	0.22325	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
273	6	3.93082	0.22248	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
274	6	3.92007	0.30764	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
275	6	3.90761	0.02965	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
276	6	3.90761	0.02965	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
277	6	3.88276	0.27815	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
278	6	3.87622	0.18142	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI
279	6	3.85591	0.25493	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
280	6	3.85214	0.25656	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi
281	6	3.80756	0.28917	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
282	6	3.80403	0.29078	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
283	6	3.80376	0.2909	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
284	6	3.79095	0.29004	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
285	6	3.78678	0.29189	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
286	6	3.74504	0.18693	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
287	6	3.66618	0.23348	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
288	6	3.65047	0.29574	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6
289	6	3.64636	0.29624	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6
290	6	3.61821	0.2978	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
291	6	3.59369	0.11801	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
292	6	3.56749	0.21671	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
293	6	3.56467	0.20357	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
294	6	3.56467	0.20357	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
295	6	3.54915	0.24121	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
296	6	3.54182	0.17698	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
297	6	3.52871	0.18935	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
298	6	3.52871	0.18935	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK
299	6	3.48585	0.20551	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
300	6	3.46875	0.14666	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
301	6	3.39774	0.24244	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
302	6	3.34501	0.09944	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
303	6	3.21571	0.21219	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, SUCOAS
304	6	3.13882	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
305	6	3.13882	0.32432	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGDH
306	6	3.10937	0.32483	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
307	6	3.08568	0.30099	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
308	6	3.08242	0.32529	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
309	6	3.05396	0.31324	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
310	6	3.04084	0.1442	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, PGI, PPCK
311	6	3.0331	0.26033	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
312	6	2.95572	0.06686	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
313	6	2.95209	0.20166	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK
314	6	2.93749	0.26369	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
315	6	2.93137	0.23554	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
316	6	2.93119	0.19434	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
317	6	2.92428	0.21637	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
318	6	2.90707	0.25203	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
319	6	2.88032	0.10845	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
320	6	2.85872	0.13782	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
321	6	2.83622	0.13278	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
322	6	2.83037	0.25344	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
323	6	2.73678	0.18763	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
324	6	2.73413	0.26033	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
325	6	2.70842	0.20327	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
326	6	2.68773	0.20429	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD5
327	6	2.68773	0.20429	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD5
328	6	2.6871	0.26683	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
329	6	2.64071	0.07956	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
330	6	2.61399	0.16269	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
331	6	2.60256	0.17034	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
332	6	2.56541	0.1952	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
333	6	2.53808	0.13335	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
334	6	2.53559	0.33664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
335	6	2.53316	0.24472	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
336	6	2.53316	0.24472	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
337	6	2.53266	0.21711	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
338	6	2.50897	0.31991	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
339	6	2.47564	0.27754	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, TAL
340	6	2.37424	0.3231	ADHEr, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
341	6	2.37424	0.3231	ADHEr, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
342	6	2.37418	0.32314	ADHEr, ASNS2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
343	6	2.35165	0.11344	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
344	6	2.35165	0.11344	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
345	6	2.28934	0.18186	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
346	6	2.28203	0.17727	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
347	6	2.27443	0.17249	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
348	6	2.27443	0.17249	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
349	6	2.23539	0.22843	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
350	6	2.2276	0.23515	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
351	6	2.22058	0.22724	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
352	6	2.20452	0.22594	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
353	6	2.20452	0.22594	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
354	6	2.10135	0.3242	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
355	6	2.02123	0.34714	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
356	6	1.98114	0.30095	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
357	6	1.96512	0.30664	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
358	6	1.96163	0.34738	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
359	6	1.94766	0.26881	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
360	6	1.84554	0.35787	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, RPE
361	6	1.84094	0.27637	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D
362	6	1.82413	0.31504	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, RPE
363	6	1.82134	0.30945	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE
364	6	1.79836	0.35901	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPS, TAL
365	6	1.74423	0.2066	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PGI, THD5
366	6	1.63108	0.27824	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
367	6	1.63108	0.27824	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, SUCOAS
368	6	1.59283	0.279	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
369	6	1.55776	0.2797	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
370	6	1.35784	0.33828	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
371	6	1.3281	0.25919	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, SUCOAS
372	6	1.25004	0.31142	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
373	6	1.16323	0.25946	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLYCL, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
374	6	1.16323	0.25946	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLYCL, LDH_D, PGDH, TAL
375	6	0.94735	0.32316	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE
376	6	0.88343	0.32336	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL
377	6	0.83542	0.27562	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, TAL
378	6	0.83542	0.27562	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, TAL
379	6	0.81371	0.28445	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, ICL, LDH_D
380	6	0.81371	0.28445	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MALS
381	6	0.40293	0.37998	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, CITL, ICL, LDH_D, SUCOAS
382	6	0.40293	0.37998	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, CITL, LDH_D, MALS, SUCOAS
383	7	6.87929	0.03662	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PYK
384	7	6.87929	0.03662	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PYK
385	7	6.82182	0.04856	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
386	7	6.7498	0.06331	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
387	7	6.70416	0.07266	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
388	7	6.67113	0.07943	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
389	7	6.65401	0.08294	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGL and/or G6PDHy
390	7	6.45147	0.12443	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGL and/or G6PDHy
391	7	6.44861	0.08805	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
392	7	6.44861	0.08805	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
393	7	6.44861	0.08805	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy
394	7	6.15823	0.07915	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MALS, MDH
395	7	6.15823	0.07915	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, ICL, LDH_D, MDH
396	7	6.15823	0.07915	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH
397	7	6.14605	0.07491	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
398	7	6.1414	0.1578	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
399	7	6.09037	0.16006	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
400	7	6.08683	0.10358	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
401	7	6.0464	0.06183	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI
402	7	6.04253	0.16218	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
403	7	5.86291	0.1062	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
404	7	5.86291	0.1062	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
405	7	5.79637	0.08575	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI
406	7	5.74642	0.10456	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
407	7	5.71711	0.12348	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
408	7	5.71588	0.18172	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPS
409	7	5.71588	0.18172	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PGDH, PPS

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
410	7	5.70575	0.12457	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi
411	7	5.69395	0.07981	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
412	7	5.68826	0.10159	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
413	7	5.6857	0.18276	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL
414	7	5.67373	0.1078	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
415	7	5.67231	0.09516	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
416	7	5.65788	0.18372	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE
417	7	5.65108	0.11748	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
418	7	5.64055	0.12198	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
419	7	5.63038	0.12633	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
420	7	5.63037	0.14151	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
421	7	5.61946	0.14377	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
422	7	5.61946	0.14377	ADHEr, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS
423	7	5.60713	0.15264	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
424	7	5.60713	0.15264	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
425	7	5.60017	0.14365	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS
426	7	5.59518	0.14138	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
427	7	5.59117	0.14212	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
428	7	5.58992	0.13977	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, TAL
429	7	5.57521	0.1433	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
430	7	5.57521	0.1433	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
431	7	5.56382	0.059	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
432	7	5.55714	0.14423	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
433	7	5.5551	0.14719	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
434	7	5.54832	0.1485	ADHEr, ASPT, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
435	7	5.54749	0.08705	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
436	7	5.54	0.14449	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, SUCOAS
437	7	5.53962	0.15019	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
438	7	5.53831	0.08799	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
439	7	5.53831	0.08799	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
440	7	5.53405	0.05732	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
441	7	5.52463	0.06237	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
442	7	5.51713	0.16489	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS
443	7	5.51587	0.14532	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, TAL
444	7	5.51034	0.14586	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGDH
445	7	5.51034	0.14586	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
446	7	5.5014	0.07482	ADHEr, ASPT, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
447	7	5.49363	0.14609	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE, SUCOAS
448	7	5.49315	0.18499	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
449	7	5.48581	0.14671	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
450	7	5.48581	0.14671	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
451	7	5.47686	0.19195	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD5
452	7	5.47123	0.12153	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
453	7	5.47123	0.12153	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
454	7	5.46318	0.14749	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
455	7	5.46318	0.14749	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
456	7	5.43967	0.13732	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
457	7	5.41442	0.15603	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
458	7	5.41442	0.15603	ADHEr, ASPT, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
459	7	5.41442	0.15603	ADHEr, ASPT, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
460	7	5.32088	0.07204	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
461	7	5.29376	0.07385	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
462	7	5.29376	0.07385	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
463	7	5.29342	0.0731	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
464	7	5.29342	0.0731	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
465	7	5.20741	0.07603	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGDH, PPCK
466	7	5.20741	0.07603	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK
467	7	5.20289	0.16585	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, RPE
468	7	5.19469	0.07664	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
469	7	5.18818	0.16709	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, TAL
470	7	5.18292	0.0772	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
471	7	5.18092	0.10975	ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
472	7	5.18092	0.10975	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
473	7	5.18025	0.13169	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PPCK
474	7	5.18025	0.13169	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
475	7	5.17526	0.14527	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi
476	7	5.15999	0.12483	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
477	7	5.15742	0.1471	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
478	7	5.13283	0.14064	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
479	7	5.13283	0.14064	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI, PPCK
480	7	5.11128	0.1487	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi
481	7	5.10917	0.0835	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, PPCK
482	7	5.10795	0.18114	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
483	7	5.08422	0.18199	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
484	7	5.08162	0.15602	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
485	7	5.08154	0.15604	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
486	7	5.07957	0.15652	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PGI
487	7	5.06238	0.18278	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, EDA and/or PGDHY, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
488	7	5.04933	0.08188	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS
489	7	5.04086	0.10883	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH, PGI
490	7	5.03782	0.10979	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, TAL
491	7	5.03499	0.11069	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, RPE
492	7	5.0347	0.123	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS
493	7	5.02325	0.08242	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS
494	7	5.02325	0.08242	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS
495	7	5.02233	0.1115	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
496	7	5.00367	0.01301	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
497	7	5.00099	0.08371	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS
498	7	4.9785	0.07565	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, LDH_D, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
499	7	4.97218	0.04755	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
500	7	4.96921	0.01295	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
501	7	4.96716	0.01165	ADHEr, GLUDy, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
502	7	4.96611	0.01426	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
503	7	4.96543	0.01322	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
504	7	4.96543	0.01322	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
505	7	4.96335	0.01401	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy

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New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
506	7	4.96335	0.01401	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
507	7	4.96309	0.0131	ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
508	7	4.96271	0.01323	ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
509	7	4.96187	0.01458	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
510	7	4.96187	0.01458	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
511	7	4.95873	0.01465	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
512	7	4.95686	0.01531	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
513	7	4.95085	0.01406	ADHEr, ASPT, GLUDy, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
514	7	4.95085	0.01406	ADHEr, ASPT, GLDy, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
515	7	4.94529	0.0136	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
516	7	4.94524	0.01566	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
517	7	4.94524	0.01566	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
518	7	4.94393	0.07737	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
519	7	4.94353	0.01615	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
520	7	4.94353	0.01615	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
521	7	4.94353	0.01615	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
522	7	4.94073	0.01473	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
523	7	4.9406	0.01618	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
524	7	4.93746	0.13888	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
525	7	4.93038	0.19331	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGDH
526	7	4.92604	0.19438	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
527	7	4.92485	0.04913	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD2 and/or GLUDy
528	7	4.92203	0.19537	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, RPE
529	7	4.89572	0.18301	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
530	7	4.88586	0.18375	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
531	7	4.8768	0.18443	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
532	7	4.87463	0.19612	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PGI, THD5
533	7	4.87463	0.19612	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PGI, THD5
534	7	4.85806	0.05038	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
535	7	4.85603	0.21579	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS
536	7	4.84975	0.05712	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGL and/or G6PDHy, PPCK, PYK
537	7	4.84975	0.05712	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
538	7	4.81569	0.05271	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
539	7	4.81323	0.1198	ADHEr, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
540	7	4.81194	0.09049	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, RPE, SUCOAS
541	7	4.81179	0.07918	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
542	7	4.79812	0.05498	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
543	7	4.79812	0.05498	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
544	7	4.79812	0.05498	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
545	7	4.79409	0.12192	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
546	7	4.79101	0.05495	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
547	7	4.78296	0.12315	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
548	7	4.78296	0.12315	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, PPCK
549	7	4.77588	0.08569	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
550	7	4.77588	0.08569	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
551	7	4.77561	0.07964	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
552	7	4.77561	0.07964	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
553	7	4.77329	0.08047	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
554	7	4.77329	0.08047	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
555	7	4.7705	0.16052	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
556	7	4.76518	0.08334	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
557	7	4.76374	0.0222	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
558	7	4.76264	0.08425	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
559	7	4.74028	0.09218	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
560	7	4.74028	0.09218	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
561	7	4.73717	0.09329	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
562	7	4.73717	0.09329	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, SUCOAS
563	7	4.71257	0.12092	ADHEr, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
564	7	4.69803	0.08636	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MALS, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
565	7	4.69803	0.08636	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, ICL, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
566	7	4.69803	0.08636	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
567	7	4.69803	0.08636	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
568	7	4.68998	0.14917	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
569	7	4.68111	0.0912	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
570	7	4.68111	0.0912	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
571	7	4.68063	0.05195	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
572	7	4.67974	0.09159	ADHEr, AKGD, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
573	7	4.67974	0.09159	ADHEr, AKGD, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
574	7	4.6782	0.13538	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
575	7	4.67079	0.08656	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
576	7	4.66866	0.1492	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
577	7	4.66526	0.1329	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
578	7	4.65177	0.09959	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PPCK, PYK
579	7	4.65177	0.09959	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, PYK
580	7	4.65148	0.09163	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
581	7	4.64795	0.13132	ADHEr, ATPS4r, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
582	7	4.64717	0.13258	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
583	7	4.63555	0.16411	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
584	7	4.62743	0.13223	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
585	7	4.62722	0.10661	ADHEr, AKGD, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
586	7	4.62722	0.10661	ADHEr, AKGD, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, PYK
587	7	4.61442	0.12597	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
588	7	4.60692	0.10476	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
589	7	4.60239	0.15202	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
590	7	4.60239	0.15202	ADHEr, AKGD, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
591	7	4.59777	0.03574	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, GLUDy, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
592	7	4.59693	0.17398	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, RPE
593	7	4.59408	0.12607	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
594	7	4.588	0.17333	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PYK, SUCOAS
595	7	4.58269	0.16568	ADHEr, ASPT, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
596	7	4.5614	0.17413	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, RPE, SUCOAS
597	7	4.55514	0.12723	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, GLCpts, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
598	7	4.54823	0.19006	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
599	7	4.54674	0.19069	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS
600	7	4.53866	0.20774	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
601	7	4.53699	0.1728	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PYK, TAL
602	7	4.53586	0.209	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, TAL
603	7	4.51849	0.13149	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, GLCpts, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
604	7	4.51845	0.20259	ADHEr, FDH2, LDH_D, MDH, NADH12, NADH6, SUCOAS
605	7	4.50909	0.20652	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
606	7	4.50549	0.20804	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, GLU5K, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
607	7	4.50549	0.20804	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, G5SD, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
608	7	4.50543	0.20807	ADHEr, ASNS2, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
609	7	4.50378	0.20876	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH12, NADH6, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
610	7	4.50198	0.20952	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FDH2, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, SUCOAS
611	3	0.669528208	0.263200019	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D
612	3	0.110808857	0.249569497	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
613	4	0.93088625	0.384018912	ADHEr, ATPS4r, CBMK2, LDH_D
614	4	1.163912961	0.378757536	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT2
615	4	4.552254757	0.171189177	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH
616	4	0.710935568	0.257359864	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, RPE
617	4	0.702400877	0.260125701	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, TAL
618	4	0.719290675	0.254652225	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, TKT2
619	4	2.283994469	0.165173433	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK
620	4	0.18159615	0.246009686	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
621	4	4.555303308	0.170023606	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
622	4	0.710935568	0.257359864	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, RPE
623	4	0.702400877	0.260125701	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TAL
624	4	0.753832099	0.262897433	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
625	4	0.719290675	0.254652225	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT2
626	4	2.165485624	0.255793845	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
627	4	2.279039418	0.168962421	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
628	4	0.24281895	0.340878264	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH
629	4	2.165485624	0.255793845	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
630	4	4.555303308	0.170023606	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2
631	4	2.575639756	0.188350402	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
632	4	2.359364668	0.333057496	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6
633	4	2.365271913	0.329105029	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
634	4	2.381170653	0.338701395	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
635	4	2.440438621	0.335394947	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
636	4	0.303924042	0.270354967	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
637	4	0.276184314	0.387717801	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS
638	4	0.158957458	0.24714816	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
639	4	0.268683115	0.271077634	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
640	4	2.268133298	0.177302028	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
641	4	2.303972218	0.174839451	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
642	4	2.202777355	0.227277897	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK
643	4	0.136108259	0.248297219	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
644	4	0.233253283	0.271804175	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
645	4	0.753832099	0.262897433	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
646	4	1.00803743	0.384504476	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, TKT1
647	4	0.702400877	0.260125701	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, TKT1
648	4	0.136108259	0.248297219	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
649	4	0.702400877	0.260125701	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, TKT1
650	4	2.381170653	0.338701395	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1

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New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
651	4	0.233253283	0.271804175	ADHEr, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
652	5	0.506864978	0.275350379	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, TKT2
653	5	2.69303784	0.249064654	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
654	5	4.367851715	0.180794605	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2
655	5	0.41729748	0.278421057	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, RPE
656	5	0.325709758	0.281560994	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, TAL
657	5	2.645877173	0.251090969	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
658	5	0.746129455	0.280922235	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
659	5	1.038232852	0.250484522	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FADH4, LDH_D, SUCOAS
660	5	1.091156432	0.260562519	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FADH4, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
661	5	3.468709118	0.171072336	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
662	5	1.635653331	0.170872463	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
663	5	0.971889592	0.254878539	ADHEr, ATPS4r, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK
664	5	2.773151559	0.15594541	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
665	5	0.794188757	0.220436537	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
666	5	4.635305085	0.167733685	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
667	5	0.726213349	0.222710178	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, RPE
668	5	4.60885325	0.168834272	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
669	5	4.600497528	0.168070055	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS
670	5	4.582051994	0.169949398	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
671	5	1.218736747	0.252980412	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
672	5	2.323324205	0.162516565	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK, TKT2
673	5	0.794188757	0.220436537	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
674	5	1.080064187	0.261131964	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
675	5	1.080064187	0.261131964	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
676	5	4.635305085	0.167733685	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
677	5	4.611480051	0.167700442	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE
678	5	4.603168381	0.166946432	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS
679	5	4.584877196	0.168800591	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TAL
680	5	4.692124349	0.117711987	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
681	5	4.637738386	0.16661454	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT2
682	5	4.582051994	0.169949398	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
683	5	1.218736747	0.252980412	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
684	5	2.22459069	0.253337321	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
685	5	2.084553651	0.317680271	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, GLU5K, LDH_D
686	5	2.319043241	0.166454441	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
687	5	0.379133409	0.337257295	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT2
688	5	0.379133409	0.337257295	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
689	5	1.080064187	0.261131964	ADHEr, FADH4, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
690	5	1.080064187	0.261131964	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
691	5	2.22459069	0.253337321	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT2
692	5	4.611480051	0.167700442	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE
693	5	4.603168381	0.166946432	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS
694	5	4.584877196	0.168800591	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, TAL
695	5	4.692124349	0.117711987	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
696	5	4.637738386	0.16661454	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT2
697	5	2.871064894	0.268281645	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
698	5	2.165924808	0.255458013	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, ME2
699	5	4.328684855	0.179395311	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2
700	5	1.421860815	0.279607649	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
701	5	2.626697246	0.185479991	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
702	5	2.515320971	0.228708985	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK
703	5	2.3870222	0.31455217	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6
704	5	2.452754421	0.325482265	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT2
705	5	2.515320971	0.228708985	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, PPCK
706	5	2.517581576	0.273304492	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT2
707	5	2.44490357	0.275824433	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, NADH6
708	5	2.6103794	0.186397367	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
709	5	2.555986853	0.242393036	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT2
710	5	2.421064631	0.329399782	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
711	5	2.424713593	0.326643472	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, RPE
712	5	2.535155189	0.243219368	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, RPE
713	5	2.593899337	0.187323863	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
714	5	2.391804455	0.331134392	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TAL
715	5	2.470792173	0.274926806	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TAL
716	5	2.514181006	0.244051353	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TAL

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New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
717	5	0.318612958	0.180159999	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
718	5	2.298067641	0.164222738	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK, TAL
719	5	1.630847318	0.197351873	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
720	5	4.068156517	0.116307981	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi, PPCK
721	5	1.630847318	0.197351873	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
722	5	1.732749142	0.29901565	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi
723	5	1.717432965	0.229711682	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PPCK
724	5	3.998783556	0.193038233	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi
725	5	4.075902556	0.129526478	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PFLi
726	5	3.837085522	0.275765851	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, RPE
727	5	3.820196202	0.277060587	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TAL
728	5	3.853817724	0.274483161	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TKT2
729	5	3.839632897	0.261974412	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
730	5	4.393030474	0.140852085	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
731	5	0.430495607	0.382946425	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TKT2
732	5	0.381078242	0.384474433	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, RPE
733	5	0.331264934	0.386014683	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TAL
734	5	0.331264934	0.386014683	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPS, TKT1
735	5	0.318612958	0.180159999	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI
736	5	2.310761865	0.163365197	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK, RPE
737	5	2.306254619	0.167256205	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
738	5	0.335428873	0.338418234	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
739	5	2.674115155	0.222196435	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
740	5	2.310408468	0.174397201	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT2
741	5	2.084492611	0.317726946	ADHEr, ASNS2, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D
742	5	2.086878053	0.315902866	ADHEr, CBMK2, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D
743	5	2.084553651	0.317680271	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, G5SD, LDH_D
744	5	2.221671127	0.212830356	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK
745	5	2.110766092	0.297636347	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D
746	5	2.221671127	0.212830356	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK
747	5	2.29690811	0.175324843	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, RPE
748	5	2.283263365	0.176262405	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
749	5	2.799273371	0.150483141	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PGI
750	5	2.255979533	0.224464061	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT2
751	5	4.330026614	0.179036754	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH
752	5	2.238942691	0.225365131	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, RPE
753	5	2.119938959	0.309086971	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
754	5	2.221768517	0.226273464	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
755	5	2.186545813	0.254918542	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TAL
756	5	2.293342202	0.16806573	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TAL
757	5	0.29142241	0.339587193	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TAL
758	5	0.29142241	0.339587193	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
759	5	2.186545813	0.254918542	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TAL
760	5	3.603753429	0.189374217	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
761	5	4.688321717	0.11916587	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
762	5	3.879826068	0.057433556	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
763	5	2.092923946	0.31127974	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
764	5	1.181362879	0.252361787	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
765	5	0.325709758	0.281560994	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, TKT1
766	5	2.645877173	0.251090969	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
767	5	4.582051994	0.169949398	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
768	5	2.298067641	0.164222738	ADHEr, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, PPCK, TKT1
769	5	4.582051994	0.169949398	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
770	5	4.584877196	0.168800591	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT1
771	5	2.186545813	0.254918542	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
772	5	2.293342202	0.16806573	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
773	5	0.29142241	0.339587193	ADHEr, FUM, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT1
774	5	0.29142241	0.339587193	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
775	5	2.186545813	0.254918542	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK, TKT1
776	5	4.584877196	0.168800591	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, TKT1
777	5	2.593899337	0.187323863	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
778	5	2.391804455	0.331134392	ADHEr, FUM, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
779	5	2.396471968	0.327812994	ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, NADH6, TKT1
780	5	2.470792173	0.274926806	ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, TKT1

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
781	5	2.514181006	0.244051353	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PPCK, TKT1
782	5	3.820196202	0.277060587	ADHEr, LDH_D, NADH6, PFLi, TKT1
783	5	2.283263365	0.176262405	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PFK and/or FBA and/or TPI, TKT1
784	5	2.119938959	0.309086971	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, TKT1
785	5	2.221768517	0.226273464	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, TKT1
786	6	4.63815309	0.138347146	ADHEr, ASPT, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
787	6	4.459389393	0.176944819	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
788	6	4.380192095	0.177265253	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MALS, MDH
789	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, TAL
790	6	4.60130813	0.167781976	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT2
791	6	4.459389393	0.176944819	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, TKT2
792	6	4.430256792	0.178170044	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, RPE
793	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, TAL
794	6	4.563806878	0.124751372	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
795	6	4.380192095	0.177265253	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, MDH
796	6	4.380192095	0.177265253	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, ME2
797	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
798	6	4.547590285	0.169998972	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
799	6	4.32598859	0.179624623	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
800	6	4.503409516	0.124027245	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
801	6	4.55209485	0.121669936	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, PGDH
802	6	4.519337222	0.123256037	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, RPE
803	6	4.535068073	0.12249436	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TAL
804	6	5.189612621	0.143792027	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi
805	6	4.321178853	0.120168187	ADHEr, ATPS4r, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PGI
806	6	4.555303308	0.170023606	ADHEr, DAAD, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PRO1z
807	6	4.552254757	0.171189177	ADHEr, DAAD, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PRO1z
808	6	4.611166872	0.137118286	ADHEr, FADH4, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
809	6	4.681108251	0.164738111	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT2
810	6	4.655427003	0.165799614	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, SUCOAS
811	6	4.62941265	0.166874885	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
812	6	4.57471951	0.178914826	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
813	6	4.72140048	0.117206382	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
814	6	5.77503303	0.099302315	ADHEr, EDA and/or PGDHY, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy
815	6	4.802404267	0.049107371	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
816	6	4.611166872	0.137118286	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, PYK
817	6	4.681108251	0.164738111	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT2
818	6	4.640728933	0.137362308	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, ME2, PYK
819	6	4.657699713	0.164706045	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE, SUCOAS
820	6	4.683198197	0.163658455	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TKT2
821	6	4.63187269	0.165767133	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TAL
822	6	5.443882794	0.111598427	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, HEX1, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
823	6	4.714403301	0.10919394	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
824	6	4.727966085	0.117420509	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
825	6	4.724744313	0.115799637	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
826	6	4.710892193	0.11755936	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
827	6	4.744999691	0.117281986	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
828	6	4.62941265	0.166874885	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TAL
829	6	4.74186178	0.118725202	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
830	6	4.512318137	0.052959973	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
831	6	4.724614564	0.118867157	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
832	6	4.707326054	0.119009453	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
833	6	4.459389393	0.176944819	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, TKT2
834	6	4.380192095	0.177265253	ADHEr, ASPT, FRD and/or SUCD4, ICL, LDH_D, MDH
835	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, TAL

TABLE 16-continued

Knockout strain designs for increased production of HMDA, showing yields of HMDA and biomass.

New Design ID	Num KO	HMDA. Yield	Biomass	Rxnlist
836	6	4.874048363	0.048155873	ADHEr, FADH4, ICL, LDH_D, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
837	6	4.520685593	0.183259208	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, ICL, LDH_D, THD2 and/or GLUDy
838	6	4.459389393	0.176944819	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, TKT2
839	6	4.520685593	0.183259208	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, MALS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
840	6	4.874048363	0.048155873	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MALS, PPCK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
841	6	4.517532821	0.171239478	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS
842	6	4.640728933	0.137362308	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, ME2, PYK
843	6	4.657699713	0.164706045	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE, SUCOAS
844	6	4.683198197	0.163658455	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TKT2
845	6	4.63187269	0.165767133	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TAL
846	6	4.724744313	0.115799637	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
847	6	4.744999691	0.117281986	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
848	6	4.526462669	0.168070055	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS
849	6	5.443882794	0.111598427	ADHEr, FADH4, HEX1, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
850	6	4.714403301	0.10919394	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy
851	6	4.727966085	0.117420509	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
852	6	4.710892193	0.11755936	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
853	6	4.33071542	0.180983121	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6
854	6	4.313819364	0.203396482	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, NADH6, THD2 and/or GLUDy
855	6	4.836109146	0.120863498	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi, PGI
856	6	5.044438059	0.165184738	ACKr and/or PTAr, ADHEr, HEX1, LDH_D, PFLi, PGI
857	6	5.168015107	0.134224131	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
858	6	5.320455827	0.059323173	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, PFLi, THD2 and/or GLUDy
859	6	4.74186178	0.118725202	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT2
860	6	4.512318137	0.052959973	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, PPCK, PYK, THD2 and/or GLUDy
861	6	4.724614564	0.118867157	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, RPE, THD2 and/or GLUDy
862	6	4.888461627	0.046924032	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, PPCK, SUCOAS, THD2 and/or GLUDy
863	6	4.707326054	0.119009453	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, TAL, THD2 and/or GLUDy
864	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
865	6	4.547590285	0.169998972	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT1
866	6	4.535068073	0.12249436	ADHEr, ASPT, ATPS4r, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
867	6	4.62941265	0.166874885	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT1
868	6	4.63187269	0.165767133	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TKT1
869	6	4.710892193	0.11755936	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1
870	6	4.62941265	0.166874885	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, SUCOAS, TKT1
871	6	4.707326054	0.119009453	ADHEr, FRD and/or SUCD4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1
872	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, ICL, LDH_D, MDH, TKT1
873	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, LDH_D, MALS, MDH, TKT1
874	6	4.40071793	0.179412355	ADHEr, ASPT, FUM, LDH_D, ME2, TKT1
875	6	4.63187269	0.165767133	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, SUCOAS, TKT1
876	6	4.710892193	0.11755936	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, ME2, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1
877	6	4.707326054	0.119009453	ADHEr, FADH4, LDH_D, MDH, THD2 and/or GLUDy, TKT1

[0660] Minimal Gene Deletion Sets for Enhanced Production of 6-ACA. Described above are strain design strategies for improving 6-aminocaproate (6-ACA) production in microorganisms that possess the 6-ACA pathway via acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. Based on an extensive analysis of the strain designs for 6-ACA production described in Table 14, a minimum set of deletions that is required for growth-coupled 6-ACA production has been identified. Note that phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK) was assumed to be reversible.

[0661] Briefly, deletions in acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D) are required for preventing the formation of competing byproducts, ethanol and lactate. Therefore, the minimal deletion set comprises deletion of acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D). Additional deletion strains include strains lacking at least one of the following activities in addition to ADHEr and LDH_D: malate dehydrogenase (MDH), aspartase (ASPT), NAD(P) transhydrogenase (THD2), and glutamate dehydrogenase (GLUDy). Such additional deletions result in a much tighter coupling of production with cell growth. FIGS. **28-31** show calculated 6-ACA versus growth yields for deletion mutants having at least deletion of ADHEr and LDH_D (FIG. **28**). Calculated yields for strains with additional deletions are shown in FIGS. **29-31**.

[0662] An additional minimal set of deletions includes phosphoglucoisomerase (PGI). This design focuses on generating reducing equivalents via the pentose phosphate pathway. Additional beneficial deletions include any of: acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr), hexokinase (HEX1),

2-dehydro-3-deoxy-phosphogluconate aldolase (EDA) and phosphogluconate dehydratase (PGDHy). FIGS. **32-34** show calculated 6-ACA versus growth yields for deletion mutants having at least deletion of PGI, with additional exemplary mutants shown FIGS. **32-34**.

[0663] Each of these strains can be supplemented with additional deletions if it is determined that the predicted strain designs do not sufficiently couple the formation of the product with biomass formation or for increased efficiency of coupling the formation of the product with biomass formation. Alternatively, some other enzymes not known to possess significant activity under the growth conditions can become active due to adaptive evolution or random mutagenesis. Such enzyme activities can also be knocked out. For example, succinate dehydrogenase that oxidizes succinate to fumarate and is known to be active only under aerobic conditions can assume significant activity even under anaerobic conditions, and therefore such activity can be knocked out. However, the list of gene deletion sets provided herein serves as a good starting point for construction of high-yielding growth-coupled 6-ACA production strains.

[0664] Minimal Gene Deletion Sets for Enhanced Production of adipate. Described above are strain design strategies for improving adipate production in microorganisms that possess the adipate pathway via acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. Based on an extensive analysis of the strain designs for adipate production described in Table 15, a minimum set of deletions that is required for growth-coupled adipate production in the network has been identified. Note that phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK) was assumed to be reversible in the network.

[0665] Briefly, deletions in acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D) are required for preventing the formation of competing byproducts, ethanol and lactate. Therefore, the minimal deletion set comprises deletion of acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D). Additional deletion strains include a strain lacking at least one of the following activities in addition to acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D): fumarase (FUM), phosphoglucose isomerase (PGI), PEP carboxykinase (PPCK), hexokinase (HEX1), malate dehydrogenase (MDH), and NADH dehydrogenase (NADH6).

[0666] Additional deletions have been identified by the OptKnock framework for improving the growth-coupled formation of adipate. These include one or more of the following: malic enzyme (ME2), aspartate transaminase (ASPT), acetate kinase (ACKr), phosphotransacetylase (PTAr), pyruvate formate lyase (PFL), transhydrogenase (THD2), and glutamate dehydrogenase (GLUDy), and PTS system of glucose uptake (GLCpts). Further improvements in yields can be achieved by additional deletions in any of the following enzymes: ATP synthase (ATPS4r), phosphogluconate dehydratase (PGDHY), 2-dehydro-3-deoxy-phosphogluconate aldolase (EDA), 6-phosphogluconolactonase (PGL), glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PDHY), and phosphogluconate dehydrogenase (PGDH).

[0667] Each of these strains can be supplemented with additional deletions if it is determined that the predicted strain designs do not sufficiently couple the formation of the product with biomass formation or for increased efficiency of coupling the formation of the product with biomass formation. Alternatively, some other enzymes not known to possess significant activity under the growth conditions can become active due to adaptive evolution or random mutagenesis. Such enzyme activities can also be knocked out. However, the list of gene deletion sets provided herein serves as a good starting point for construction of high-yielding growth-coupled adipate production strains.

[0668] Minimal Gene Deletion Sets for Enhanced Production of HMDA. Described above are strain design strategies for improving hexamethylene diamine (HMDA) production in microorganisms that possess the HMDA pathway via acetyl-CoA and succinyl-CoA. Based on an extensive analysis of the strain designs for HMDA production described in Table 16, a minimum set of deletions that is required for growth-coupled HMDA production in the network has been identified. Note that phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK) was assumed to be reversible in the network.

[0669] Briefly, deletions in acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D) are required for preventing the formation of competing byproducts, ethanol and lactate. Therefore, the minimal deletion set comprises deletion of acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D). Additional deletion strains include a strain lacking at least one of the following activities in addition to acetaldehyde dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D): fumarate reductase (FRD2), fumarase (FUM), phosphoglucose isomerase (PGI), or PEP carboxykinase (PPCK).

[0670] Additional deletions have been identified by the OptKnock framework for improving the growth-coupled formation of HMDA. These include one or more of the following: hexokinase (HEX1), malic enzyme (ME2), malate dehydrogenase (MDH), aspartate transaminase (ASPT), acetate kinase (ACKr), phosphotransacetylase (PTAr), pyruvate formate lyase (PFL), and pyruvate kinase (PYK). The HMDA yields can be further improved by further deleting one or more of the following enzymes: transhydrogenase (THD2), glutamate dehydrogenase (GLUDy), ATP synthase (ATPS4r), GLCpts (PTS system of glucose uptake), PGDHY (phosphogluconate dehydratase) and EDA (2-dehydro-3-deoxy-phosphogluconate aldolase).

[0671] Each of these strains can be supplemented with additional deletions if it is determined that the predicted strain designs do not sufficiently couple the formation of the product with biomass formation or for increased efficiency of coupling the formation of the product with biomass formation. Alternatively, some other enzymes not known to possess significant activity under the growth conditions can become active due to adaptive evolution or random mutagenesis. Such enzyme activities can also be knocked out. For example, succinate dehydrogenase that oxidizes succinate to fumarate and is known to be active only under aerobic conditions can assume significant activity even under anaerobic conditions, and therefore such activity can be knocked out. However, the list of gene deletion sets provided herein serves as a good starting point for construction of high-yielding growth-coupled HMDA production strains.

[0672] Optknock Strain Design for Growth-Coupled Production of Adipic Acid. Described below is a further exemplification of a deletion strategy for engineering a strain to synthesize adipate using a succinyl-CoA pathway. All high-priority growth-coupled designs for adipate synthesis build upon a strain lacking acetylaldehyde-CoA dehydrogenase (ADHEr) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH_D) activities to prevent the formation of fermentation byprouducts, as discussed above. The further deletion of malate dehydrogenase

(MDH) also reduces byproduct production. FIG. **35** shows growth-coupled adipate production characteristics of high priority strain designs (grey) compared with that of wild-type *E. coli* (black). A glucose uptake rate of 10 mmol/gDW/hr is assumed. A strain deficient in ADHEr, LDH_D and MDH activities (Design 1 in FIG. **35**) is predicted to achieve an adipate yield of 0.51 grams adipate per gram of glucose utilized (g/g) at the maximum biomass yield.

[0673] Designs 2-4 build on Design 1 as a base design. Design 2 entails the removal of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase (PPCK). This design improves the adipate yield to 3.6 g/g at the maximum biomass yield. The additional deletion of pyruvate formate lyase (PFLi) activity in Design 3 further improves yield by preventing secretion of formate as a byproduct. The predicted adipate yield of this design is 5.8 g/g. Design 4 features the deletion of NAD(P) transhydrogenase (THD2) in addition to ADHEr, LDH_D, MDH, PPCK and PFLi. This results in an adipate yield of 6.8 g/g at a growth rate of 0.117 1/hr. Design 4 serves to tightly couple adipate production to cell growth while achieving 91% of the theoretical maximum yield.

Example XXXI

Biosynthesis of Adipate Semialdehyde from Adipate and 6-Aminocaproate Semialdehyde from 6-Aminocaproate

[0674] This Example describes the biosynthetic production of adipate semialdehyde from adipate and of 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde from 6-aminocaproate.

[0675] The transformation from adipate to adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **25**, step X) can by catalyzed by the carboxylic acid reductases (CAR). This is demonstrated by the following results. Chemically competent cells of *E. coli* strain ECKh-422 (ΔadhE, ΔldhA, ΔpflB, ΔlpdA, integrated lpdA from *Klebsiella pneumonia*::E354K, Δmdh, ΔarcA, gltA-R163L) with f' pKLT33s were transformed with pZs*13s plasmids harboring various CAR gene (Table 17) or a control plasmid without any CAR gene. Single colonies of the transformations were selected and grown overnight in LB at 37° C. with 100 μg/mlcarbenecillin and 10 μg/mlchloramphenicol. The cells were subcultured at a ratio of 1:50 and induced with 200 μM IPTG at an OD600 of 0.6. Cells were incubated for 5 hours at 37° C. before harvesting. Cell cultures were aliquoted into 15 ml samples and pelleted. The cell pellets were stored at −80° C. until used for the assay.

TABLE 17

CAR genes used this example

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[0676] Cell pellets were lysed by addition of 500 μl B-PER with 0.5 μl lysozyme and benzonase. CAR activity was measured by addition of 2 μl of crude lysate to the assay solution of 50 mM Tris (pH 7.2), 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 mM DTT, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 1 mM ATP, 0.5 mM NADPH and 20 mM Adipate or 50 mM 6-Aminocaproate in a 96 well format microplate with a total volume of 250 μl. The oxidation of NADPH to NADP was monitored at an absorbance of 340 nm for 30 minutes at room temperature. The rate of NADPH depletion was used to calculate activity of the various CAR proteins. Total protein concentration of each lysate was determined by Bradford, and the activity was normalized to the total protein concentration (Units/mg).

[0677] Transformation from adipate to adipate semialdehyde (FIG. **24**, step). As shown in FIG. **36**, significant CAR activities using adipate as a substrate was observed with both CAR genes 889 and 891, whereas the control lysate did not show CAR activity.

[0678] Furthermore, a reaction was setup consisting of 500 μl of 50 mM Tris (pH 7.2), 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 mM DTT, 10% (v/v) glycerol, 5 mM ATP, 3 mM NADPH and 20 mM Adipate. The reaction was incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes and stopped by addition of 1% formic acid. The sample was then centrifuged and the supernatant was analyzed by LC-MS. Low mM level of adipate semialdehyde was detected that confirmed the transformation from adipate to adipate semialdehyde.

[0679] Transformation from 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde. As shown in FIG. **37**, significant CAR activities using 6-aminocaproate as a substrate was observed with several CAR genes 720, 889, 890, 891 and 892, whereas the control lysate did not show CAR activity. These results indicate the transformation from 6-aminocaproate to 6-aminocaproate semialdehyde.

[0680] Throughout this application various publications have been referenced. The disclosures of these publications in their entireties are hereby incorporated by reference in this application in order to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains. Although the invention has been described with reference to the examples provided above, it should be understood that various modifications can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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1. A non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprising exogenous nucleic acids encoding a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 6-aminocaproic acid, said 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprising:

3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase; or

3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase;

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED reductase; 2-OHD decarboxylase; and adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or an adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED decarboxylase; 6-OHE reductase; or adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase and adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED aminotransferase or OHED oxidoreductase (aminating); 2-AHE reductase; or 2-AHD decarboxylase; or

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED reductase; 2-OHD aminotransferase or a 2-OHD oxidoreductase (aminating); or 2-AHD decarboxylase; or

HODH aldolase; HODH formate-lyase and pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or HODH dehydrogenase; 3-hydroxyadipyl-CoA dehydratase; 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; an adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED formate-lyase and pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or OHED dehydrogenase; 2,3-dehydroadipyl-CoA reductase; adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

HODH aldolase; OHED hydratase; OHED reductase; 2-OHD formate-lyase and pyruvate formate-lyase activating enzyme or 2-OHD dehydrogenase; adipyl-CoA dehydrogenase; or adipate semialdehyde aminotransferase or adipate semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

glutamyl-CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA ligase, beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), or 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase; or

glutamyl-CoA transferase or glutamyl-CoA ligase; beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, or 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; and 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase; or

homolysine 2-monooxygenase; or

adipate reductase, adipate kinase or adipylphosphate reductase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase, 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase; and 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase.

2. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said microbial organism comprises two exogenous nucleic acids each encoding a 6-aminocaproic pathway enzyme.

3. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said microbial organism comprises three exogenous nucleic acids each encoding a 6-aminocaproic pathway enzyme.

4. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said microbial organism comprises four exogenous nucleic acids each encoding a 6-aminocaproic pathway enzyme.

5. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said microbial organism comprises five exogenous nucleic acids each encoding a 6-aminocaproic pathway enzyme.

6. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **5**, wherein said five exogenous nucleic acids encode 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase, or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA hydrolase.

7. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said at least one exogenous nucleic acid is a heterologous nucleic acid.

8. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, wherein said non-naturally occurring microbial organism is in a substantially anaerobic culture medium.

9. A method for producing 6-aminocaproic acid, comprising culturing the non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1** under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce 6-aminocaproic acid.

10. The method of claim **9**, wherein said non-naturally occurring microbial organism is in a substantially anaerobic culture medium.

11-32. (canceled)

33. A non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a caprolactam pathway comprising exogenous nucleic acids encoding a caprolactam pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce caprolactam, said caprolactam pathway comprising:

6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase and 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase; or

3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase.

34-35. (canceled)

36. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **33**, further comprising a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway.

37. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **36**, wherein said 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprises CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase; and transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase.

38. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **36**, wherein said 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprises 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase.

39-40. (canceled)

41. A method for producing caprolactam, comprising culturing the non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **33** under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce caprolactam.

42. The method of claim **41**, wherein caprolactam is produced by spontaneous cyclization of 6-aminocaproyl-CoA to caprolactam.

43-46. (canceled)

46. The method of claim **41**, wherein said at least one exogenous nucleic acid is a heterologous nucleic acid.

47. A non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a hexamethylenediamine pathway comprising exogenous nucleic acids encoding a hexamethylenediamine pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce hexamethylenediamine, said hexamethylenediamine pathway comprising:

6-aminocaproyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproyl-CoA synthase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase or

3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-aminohex-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); and hexamethylenediamine transaminase or hexamethylenediamine dehydrogenase; or

6-aminocaproate kinase; 6-AHOP oxidoreductase; or 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) and 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase; or

6-aminocaproate kinase; 6-AHOP acyltransferase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; or 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) and 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase; or

6-aminocaproate CoA transferase or 6-aminocaproate CoA ligase; 6-aminocaproyl-CoA oxidoreductase; and 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating) or 6-aminocaproic acid semialdehyde aminotransferase; or

6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide); or

6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA transferase or 6-acetamidohexanoate CoA ligase; 6-acetamidohexanoyl-CoA oxidoreductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide); or

6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate kinase; 6-AAHOP oxidoreductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide); or

glutamyl-CoA transferase, glutamyl-CoA ligase, beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase, 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase, 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase, 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutamyl-CoA transferase or glutamyl-CoA ligase; beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA oxidoreductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminopimeloyl-CoA dehydratase; 6-amino-7-carboxyhept-2-enoyl-CoA reductase; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); a

2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase or aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate reductase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate kinase, 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase, 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

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glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate kinase, 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase, 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase, 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase, 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, 3-aminopimelate reductase, 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

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oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase, 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase, 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase, 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase, 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase, 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase, 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming), 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or a 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate reductase; 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase;

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate kinase; 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate reductase; 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate kinase; 5-oxopimeloylphosphonate reductase; 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate CoA transferase or 3-oxopimelate CoA ligase; 5-oxopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminotransferase or 3-oxo-1-carboxyheptanal 3-aminating oxidoreductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate reductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate kinase; 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate reductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 3-aminopimelate CoA ligase; 5-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate kinase; 5-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 3-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; 3,7-diaminoheptanoate 2,3-aminomutase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-aminopimelate reduc-

tase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase;

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-aminopimelate kinase; 6-aminopimeloylphosphonate reductase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

glutaryl-CoA beta-ketothiolase; 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA hydrolase, 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA transferase or 3-oxopimeloyl-CoA ligase; 3-oxopimelate aminotransferase or 3-oxopimelate aminating oxidoreductase; 3-aminopimelate 2,3-aminomutase; 2-aminopimelate CoA transferase or 2-aminopimelate CoA ligase; 6-aminopimeloyl-CoA reductase (aldehyde forming); 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate 7-aminotransferase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase, 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase, 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase aminating oxidoreductase, homolysine decarboxylase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase and 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase; or

2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase or 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate aldolase; 2-oxo-4-hydroxy-7-aminoheptanoate dehydratase; 2-oxo-7-aminohept-3-enoate reductase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase or 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase; or

6-aminocaproate reductase, 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase, 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase, 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase, 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase, 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating), 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase and acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide); or

6-aminocaproate reductase; and 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde aminotransferase or 6-aminocaproic semialdehyde oxidoreductase (aminating); or

6-aminocaproate N-acetyltransferase; 6-acetamidohexanoate reductase; 6-acetamidohexanal aminotransferase or 6-acetamidohexanal oxidoreductase (aminating); and 6-acetamidohexanamine N-acetyltransferase or 6-acetamidohexanamine hydrolase (amide); or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase, 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, homolysine decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase or 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase; 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase; and homolysine decarboxylase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase; or

2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase; and homolysine decarboxylase.

48. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, further comprising a 6-aminocaproic acid pathway.

49. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **48**, wherein said 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprises CoA-dependent aldehyde dehydrogenase; and transaminase or 6-aminocaproate dehydrogenase.

50. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **48**, wherein said 6-aminocaproic acid pathway comprises 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoyl-CoA hydrolase; 3-oxo-6-aminohexanoate reductase; 3-hydroxy-6-aminohexanoate dehydratase; and 6-aminohex-2-enoate reductase.

51-55. (canceled)

56. A method for producing hexamethylenediamine, comprising culturing the non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47** under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce hexamethylenediamine.

57. The method of claim **56**, wherein said non-naturally occurring microbial organism is in a substantially anaerobic culture medium.

58-130. (canceled)

131. A method for producing hexamethylenediamine (HMDA), comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47** under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce HMDA.

132. (canceled)

133. The method of claim **131**, wherein said conditions further comprise an osmoprotectant.

134. The method of claim **133**, wherein said osmoprotectant is glycine betaine.

135-201. (canceled)

202. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, said HMDA pathway comprising 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase,

6-aminohexanal aminotransferase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate aminotransferase, homolysine decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase, 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase, 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase and 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase.

203-205. (canceled)

206. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **202**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, said 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

207-208. (canceled)

209. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, said hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway comprising 2 amino-7-oxosubarate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-amino-7-oxosubarate aminotransferase; 2,7-diaminosubarate decarboxylase; and homolysine decarboxylase.

210. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **209** further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, said second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

211-212. (canceled)

213. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, said hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway comprising 2 amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminating oxidoreductase or 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate aminotransferase; and homolysine decarboxylase.

214. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **213**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising 2 amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

215-216. (canceled)

217. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, said hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway comprising 2 amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-oxo-7-aminoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase.

218. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of any one of claim **217**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, said second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

219-220. (canceled)

221. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **47**, said hexamethylenediamine (HMDA) pathway comprising 2 amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal aminating oxidoreductase or 6-aminohexanal aminotransferase.

222. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **221**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a second set of 2 amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

223-254. (canceled)

255. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, said 6-ACA pathway comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate keto-acid decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate oxidoreductase, a 2-aminopimelate decarboxylase, a 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase, a 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase, or a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase.

256-257. (canceled)

258. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **255**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising at least one exogenous nucleic acid encoding a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, said 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase, a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase, or a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

259-266. (canceled)

267. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **1**, said 6-aminocaproic acid (6-ACA) pathway comprising 2 amino-7-oxosubarate amino acid decarboxylase; 2-amino-7-oxoheptanoate decarboxylase; and 6-aminohexanal oxidoreductase.

268. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of any one of claim **267**, further comprising a 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway comprising a second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding 2-amino-7-oxosubarate pathway enzymes expressed in a sufficient amount to produce 2-amino-7-oxosubarate, said second set of exogenous nucleic acids encoding a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate aldolase; a 2-amino-5-hydroxy-7-oxosubarate dehydratase; and a 2-amino-5-ene-7-oxosubarate reductase.

269-272. (canceled)

273. A non-naturally occurring microbial organism, comprising a microbial organism having a levulinic acid (LA) pathway comprising exogenous nucleic acids encoding a LA pathway enzyme expressed in a sufficient amount to produce LA, said LA pathway comprising:

3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase, or 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase; or

3-oxoadipyl-CoA thiolase; 3-oxoadipyl-CoA/acyl-CoA transferase, 3-oxoadipyl-CoA synthase, or 3-oxoadipyl-CoA hydrolase; and 3-oxoadipate decarboxylase.

274. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **273**, said LA pathway comprises at least two exogenous nucleic acids.

275. The non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **273**, said LA pathway comprises at least three exogenous nucleic acids.

276. A method for producing levulinic acid (LA), comprising culturing a non-naturally occurring microbial organism of claim **273** under conditions and for a sufficient period of time to produce LA.

277. The method of claim **276**, wherein said conditions comprise substantially anaerobic culture conditions.

278-282. (canceled)

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